



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

PSA Board Resolution No. 13
Series of 2024

**APPROVING THE REVISED OPERATIONAL DEFINITION
AND METHODOLOGY IN ESTIMATING BASIC AND FUNCTIONAL
LITERACY IN THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 352, “Designation of Statistical Activities that will Generate Critical Data for Decision-Making of the Government and the Private Sector”, issued on 1 July 1996, mandated the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to regularly conduct the Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS);

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 aims to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4 on Quality Education by focusing on improving access, quality, and equity in the educational system;

WHEREAS, expanding access to quality education and improving learning outcomes for all students remains one of the overarching goals of the government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance the national definitions and methodology for measuring basic and functional literacy rates to accurately reflect the country’s progress in attaining quality education;

WHEREAS, there is a consistent request by stakeholders, particularly the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC), and the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOMII), to review the definitions of basic and functional literacy and align it with international standards for comparability;

WHEREAS, consultations with DepEd, LCC, and EDCOMII resulted to the proposed revised operational definitions and methodology for estimating basic and functional literacy;

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Education Statistics (IACES), through IACES Resolution No. 01, series of 2024, dated 08 August 2024, approved and endorsed to the PSA Board revised operational definitions and methodology of estimating basic and functional literacy in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the PSA Board approves the proposed revision in the operational definitions and methodology of estimating basic and functional literacy in the Philippines as follows:

1. "Basic Literacy" refers to the ability of a person to read, write, and compute;
2. "Functional Literacy" refers to the ability of a person to read, write, compute, and comprehend;

In addition, the automatic assignment of functional literacy to persons having an educational attainment of at least high school graduate in the old curriculum or at least junior high school completer in the K-12 curriculum is removed.

Approved this 16th day of August 2024 in Quezon City, Philippines.


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