

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9293, April 21, 2004]

**AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED SEVENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX (R.A.
NO. 7836), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE TEACHERS
PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 1994"**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 15, (e) (3) of Republic Act No. 7836 is hereby amended as follows:

"SEC. 15. *Qualification Requirements of Applicants.* - No applicant shall be admitted to take the examination unless, on the date of filing of the application, he shall have complied with the following requirements:

"(e) A graduate of a school, college or university recognized by the government and possesses the minimum educational qualifications, as follows:

1. For teachers in preschool, a bachelor's degree in early childhood education (BECED) or its equivalent;
2. For teachers in the elementary grades, a bachelor's degree in elementary education (BSEED) or its equivalent;
3. For teachers in the secondary grades, a bachelor's degree in education or its equivalent with a major and minor, or a bachelor degree in arts and sciences with at least eighteen (18) units in professional education; and
4. For teachers of vocational and two-year technical courses, a bachelor's degree in the field of specialization or its equivalent, with at least eighteen (18) units in professional education."

SEC. 2. Section 26 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 26. *Registration and Exception.* - No person shall engage in teaching and/or act as a professional teacher as defined in this Act, whether in the preschool, elementary or secondary level, unless the person is a duly registered professional teacher, and a holder of a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional license or a holder of a valid special/temporary permit.

Upon approval of the application and payment of the prescribed fees, the certificate of registration and professional license as a professional teacher shall be issued without examination as required in this Act to a qualified applicant, who is: