# Employment Opportunities

- Environmental Planning is a multi-disciplinary profession. The demand for the profession is high considering the need for EnPs not only in national and local governments (regions, provinces, cities/municipalities) and national/ regional agencies, but also, in private projects, such as tourism development, coastal planning/ management, open space and recreation planning, heritage and conservation planning, housing and human settlements, retirement villages, new towns, industrial estates, memorial parks, etc.
- There is also a high demand in the academe and R&D in Environmental Planning.

















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# **Environmental Planner**

An Environmental Planner (referred to as EnP) is also known as urban/regional planner, city planner, and town/country or human settlements planner. An EnP is generally involved in the art and science of analyzing, specifying, clarifying, harmonizing, managing, and regulating the use and development of land and water resources, in relation to their environs, for the development of sustainable communities and ecosystems (RA No. 10587, 2013).

#### **Functions**

- Provides professional services in the form of technical consultation, rendering of technical advice on:
- Planning, preparation, monitoring/ evaluation (national/regional/local/area)
- Capacity-building
- Preparing studies (pre-feasibility/feasibility/ environmental assessments, and institutional, administrative, legal systems)
- Developing curriculum/syllabi, teaching, and conducting review courses
- Serving as expert witness, resource person, lecturer, juror in public fora
- Serves the following roles:
- Technocrat/technical analyst/researcher
- Social engineer/social scientist
- Economist/economic planner
- Physical planner/ land use planner
- Environmentalist/environmental watchdog
- Administrative/legal adviser

- Corporate manager/educator
- Design/program developer
- Umpire/referee/arbitrator/mediator/ facilitator
- Agent of change



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## Skills and Competencies

- Basic skills:
- Planning research methods
- Critical thinking skills
- Basic design skills
- Decision-making techniques
- Collaborative skills
- Understanding of:
- The environment: classification

Basic elements/

- The environment: Basic elements/ classification
- History/theories/principles of Environment Planning
- Urban/regional issues/problems
- Planning Processes
- Government programs/political decisions
- Legal/administrative aspects
- Interaction among various sectors in Environmental Planning

### **Basic Educational Requirement**

The following are prerequisites for the practice of Environmental Planning:

- A Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Planning, City Planning or Urban and Regional Planning, Town and Country Planning or its equivalent, and with two (2) years of on-the-job training undertaken under the supervision of a registered and licensed Environmental Planner or the applicant's immediate supervisor in an agency engaged or involved in environmental planning functions or programs; and
- Passing the Licensure Examination given by the Professional Regulation Commission, Professional Regulatory Board of Environmental Planning.

#### Cost of Education

Cost of education may range from PHP 50,000 to PHP 65,000 per semester in private schools and universities. The cost may be 30-40 percent less in public educational institutions.