

THE BALIK-ARAL PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE,

CAGAYAN POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE

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Abstract: The Philippine National Police (PNP) as one of the bureaus of the Department Of Interior and Local Government of the Philippine government was created under Republic Act 6975. Republic Act 8551, an act providing for the reform and reorganization of the Philippine National Police, has amended some provisions of RA 6975. The PNP in order to attain its vision "the presence of professional, dynamic and motivated PNP personnel, the presence of resources, a collaborative partnership with stakeholders from the community, the presence of responsive, empowered and engaged citizenry who proactively take part in the fight against criminality to ensure a stable and peaceful community." The respondents of the study were the PNP personnel who were not baccalaureate degree holders when they joined the organization in response to the provisions of RA 8551, Section 14-paragraph d. This included the Cagayan Police Provincial Office, the three (3) Provincial Mobile Groups, the twenty-seven (27) municipal police stations and one (1) city police station. This study made used of the descriptive correlational design Frankel and Wallen (1990, p. 113) Further, Sevilla (1991, p. 220) defined it as a design that help one determines the extent to which different variables are related to each other in the population of interest. This study utilized and developed sets of survey questionnaire to gather the data from the respondents. The questionnaire was categorized into four (4) parts. Part I consisted of the profile of the respondents. This included respondent's age, sex, civil status, highest educational attainment upon entry in the police service, rank, designation/position, eligibility, length of service, trainings/schoolings attended and study grants availed. Part II consisted of the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the Philippine National with regards to personal aspect, professional aspect, economic aspect and performance aspect. Part III consisted of the problems being perceived by the respondents in finishing a degree and Part IV consisted of the interventions to cope with these problems. Professionalism of the police has been regarded to be an effective means of upgrading and improving the image of the police, hence the full implementation of the program on professionalization is being encouraged and undertaken. It is strongly recommended therefore that the respondents who are willing to pursue their studies to be able to finish a baccalaureate degree should be re-assigned to units/stations near the institutions which are ETEEAP providers.

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INTRODUCTION

The Philippine National Police (PNP) as one of the bureaus of the Department Of Interior and Local Government was created under Republic Act 6975. Republic Act 8551, an act providing for the reform and reorganization of the Philippine National Police, has amended some provisions of this law.

One of the salient provisions of Republic Act 8551 is the qualification upgrading. Section 14paragraph d, states that "no person shall be appointed as officer or member of the Philippine National Police unless he or she possesses a formal baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution of learning."Since there are members of the PNP at present who are non-degree holders because of R.A.6975 which qualifies a person with 72 collegiate units and those who joined the organization by virtue of Presidential Decree 765 where high school graduates were allowed to be members of the organization. The PNP in order to attain its vision "the presence of professional, dynamic and motivated PNP personnel, the presence of resources, a collaborative partnership with stakeholders from the community, the presence of responsive, empowered and engaged citizenry who proactively take part in the fight against criminality to ensure a stable and peaceful community."

National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) passed a resolution #94-015 dated November 11, 1994 directing the implementation of an educational scholarship for deserving members of the PNP. To realize this vision, the PNP has endeavored to institutionalize various PNP scholarship/study grant programs in coordination with Non-Government Organizations (NGO's), Local Government Units (LGU's) and educational institutions within the Area of Responsibility (AOR) of Police Regional Office 2(PRO-2). The purpose of granting scholarship to these non-degree holder policemen is to let them finish a degree so that they will not be removed from the service but rather they will be given chances to be promoted in their present ranks and automatically their salary will also be increased. These policemen are given the option to choose what study grants they would prefer to finish a degree. There are several programs which are being offered to them to suit their preference The grant does not only help PNP non-degree holders to finish a degree for promotion but it extends help even to degree holders of the PNP for them to have a chance to occupy higher position like being a Chief of Police (COP) of a municipality or city. As stated in Section 34 of R.A. 8551 that "no person shall be appointed chief of a city police station unless he/she is a graduate



of a Bachelor of Laws or finished all the required course of a master's degree program in public administration, criminology, criminal justice, law enforcement, national security administration, defense studies, and other related disciplines from a recognized institution of learning. No person shall be appointed as chief of police of a municipal police station unless he/she has finished at least second year Bachelor of Laws or has earned at least twelve (12) units in master's degree program in public administration, criminology, criminal justice, law enforcement, national security administration, and other related disciplines from a recognized institution of learning." Despite these offers for PNP personnel, there are still other members who cannot pursue their studies for different reasons such as; their distance to the offering school, lack of financial assistance; others prefer to avail of the early retirement from the service, etc.

The government still cannot give up on their full support to these members of the PNP for the reason that if they are professionalize, it is expected that they will serve the public better than just being a non-degree holder policemen. Being professionals, policemen are expected to have a better exercise of discretion, their outlook in life will be better; they understand more the laws and implement it with impartiality.

In the implementation of R.A. 8551, this requires members of the PNP to possess a baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution of learning. This law affects those who joined the organization before its implementation possessing 72 collegiate units and some are even high school graduates. In order to help further these undergraduates to earn a degree, another scheme was passed known as the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalence and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP). This is the program of the Commission on Higher Education (CHEd), an educational scheme which recognizes knowledge, skills, training and prior learning obtained by undergraduate Police Non-Commissioned Officers (PNCO's) from non-formal and informal educational experiences. Panel of assessors will determine the candidate's knowledge, skills and attitude (KSA) relevant to a particular discipline and consequently an equivalent credit and appropriate certificates and degrees will be awarded by accredited higher education institutions.

This program will help undergraduate policemen to earn a degree without sweating much for they only submit the requirements/documents that will prove their experiences, training, schooling which will be given corresponding credit.



There are several schools being deputized by CHEd to offer this program. One of which is the Cagayan Colleges Tuguegarao being deputized for Criminology program. Policemen who are interested to finish this degree can avail of this program by submitting the necessary documents and complying with other requirements based on CHEd guidelines. The presence of these study programs for undergraduate PNCO's will surely cater to their needs to finish a baccalaureate degree. It is for this reason that the researchers got interested to conduct a study on the "balik-aral" program of the PNP in Cagayan Police Provincial Office.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

This endeavor aimed to conduct a study on the implementation of the Balik-Aral Program of the Philippine National Police, Cagayan Police Provincial Office. Specifically, it sought to answer the following.

- 1. What is the profile of the respondents with regard to:
 - 1.1. Age
 - 1.2. Sex
 - 1.3. Civil status
 - 1.4. Highest educational attainment upon entry in the police service
 - 1.5. highest educational attainment after the implementation of R.A. 6975 and 8551
 - 1.6. rank
 - 1.7. designation/position
 - 1.8. eligibility
 - 1.9. length of service
 - 1.10. trainings/schoolings attended
 - 1.11. study grants availed
- 2. How do the respondents perceive the importance of the Balik-Aral Program on the Philippine National Police relative to:
 - 2.1. Personal Aspect
 - 2.2. Professional Aspect
 - 2.3. Economic Aspect
 - 2.4. Performance Aspect



- 3. Is there a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when grouped according to their profile variables?
- 4. What are the problems being perceived by the respondents in finishing a baccalaureate degree?
- 5. Is there a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree when grouped according to their profile variables?
- 6. What interventions can be given in order to cope with these perceived problems?

HYPOTHESES

This study was guided with the following hypotheses.

- There is no significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when grouped according to their profile variables.
- There is no significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree when grouped according to their profile variables.

METHODOLOGY

This study made used of the descriptive correlational design which according to **Frankel and Wallen (1990, p. 113)** is a method which describes an existing relationship between variables and the degree to which two or more quantitative variables are related and it does so by the use of a correlational coefficient. Further, **Sevilla (1991, p. 220)** defined it as a design that help one determines the extent to which different variables are related to each other in the population of interest.

STATISTICAL TOOLS

For the profile of the respondents, the simple frequency count and percentage was used.

To assess the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the Philippine National Police, the Five-Point Likert scale was used. Numerical values are described as follows:

- 5 Very Important
- 4 Important
- 3 Moderately Important



- 2 Slightly Important
- 1 Not Important

A criterion scale was used for the assessment of the results as follows:

Mean Range	Descr	iption
Not Important	1.0	- 1.5
Slightly Important	1.51	-2.50
Moderately Important	2.51	-3.50
Important	3.51	- 4.50
Very Important	4.51	-5.00

For the problems perceived and suggested interventions to cope with these problems, the simple frequency and rank were used.

To test the difference in the perception of respondents on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program when they were grouped according to their profile variables, the chi-square test was used. The formula is as follows:

E[o-e]

X²_c= -----C

where

 X_{c}^{2} = computed chi-square value

o = observed frequencies

e = expected frequencies

To test the difference in the perception of respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree when they were grouped according to their profile variables, the F-test was used. The formula is as follows:

Mssb F_c..... Mssw

Where

 F_c = computed value of the F-test

Mssb = mean of the sum of squares between groups

Mssw= mean of the sum of squares within groups

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. What is the profile of the respondents?



Table 1: Summary of the Frequency and Percentage Distribution of the Respondents'

Profile

Age	Frequency	Percentage
1-30 years old	13	15.15
31-40 years old	49	31.82
41-50 years old	62	34.85
51-56 years old	8	18.18
51 50 years old		10.10
Sex	Frequency	Percentage
Male	120	90.91
Female	12	9.09
Civil Status	Frequency	Percentage
Married	125	94.70
Single`	5	3.79
Widow/er	2	1.51
Highest Educational Attainment	Frequency	Percentage
High School Graduate	57	43.18
Technology/Vocational Graduate	32	24.24
W/72 Collegiate Units	43	32.58
Eligibility	Frequency	Percentage
Police Officer Exam	33	38.12
Sr. Pol. Officer. Exam	36	22.50
Pol. Inspector Exam	4	2.50
Licensure/Board Exam	3	1.88
CS Prof. Exam	16	10.0
CS Sub-Prof Exam	10	6.88
Others	29	18.12
Rank	Frequency	Percentage
POI-POIII	44	33.33
SPOI-SPOIV	88	66.67
Designation/Position		Percentage
Admin PNCO	Frequency 14	10.61
Intel PNCO	18	13.64
Investigation PNCO	17	12.88
Operation PNCO	18	13.64
Supply PNCO	10	9.09
Finance PNCO	8	9.09 6.06
	8 45	34.08
Others (Traffic/Radio Operator)		
Length of Service	Frequency	Percentage
1-10 years	27	20.45
11-20 years	67 26	50.76
21-30 years	36	27.27
31-40 years	2	1.52
Schoolings/Trainings Attended	Frequency	Percentage



PSJLC	52	30.06
PSSLC	31	17.92
CIDDC	18	10.40
Modified Scout	22	12.72
PRC	20	11.56
Others	30	17.34
	Frequency	Percentage
DILG-DECS/CHED	2`	1.52
PNB-DILG Scholarship	1	0.76
MOA-PNP PRO-2-FLVC	2	1.52
MOA-PNP PRO-2-LSU	1	0.76
ETEEAP	8	6.06
Others (Self-supporting)	118	89.38

Table 2.1 summarizes in terms of frequency and percentage distribution of the respondents' profile with regard to the different variables. As gleaned from the table, majority of the respondents belong to the middle adulthood stage, are males, married, high school graduates; have passed the Police officer exam; have spent more than ten years in services; occupy the higher ranks of SPOI to SPOIV; have varied designations/position, have attended varied schoolings/trainings and are back to school on their own expense.

2. How do the respondents perceived the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the Philippine National Police:

Table 2.1: Item Mean and Descriptive Distribution of the Respondents' Perception on the

Importance of The PNP	Balik-AralProgram Relative to Personal Aspect
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Item	Item	Descriptive
	Mean	Scale
Enhancement of leadership abilities	4.50	Very Important
Increase self-esteem and confidence	4.41	Very Important
Improvement of interpersonal relationship	4.29	Very Important
Increase sensitivity on social issues	4.23	Very Important
Better use of police discretion	4.20	Very Important
Category Mean	4.33	Very Important

Table 2.1 describes in terms of the item mean and descriptive scale distribution of the respondents' perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program relative to personal aspect. As described by the table, all of the items obtained a descriptive rating of "very important" with the highest numerical value of 4.41 on "Enhancement of self-esteem and confidence" which implies that the respondents believe that through the Balik-Aral Program, their self-esteem and self-confidence shall be very much enhanced. The highest item mean of 4.50 on "Enhancement of leadership abilities" implies that the respondents

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perceive that the Balik-Aral program is very important in enhancing their leadership abilities as well as for their better use of discretion, for their interpersonal relationship to be improved and for their sensitivity on social issues to be increased, the category mean of 4.33 or "very important" implies that the respondents perceive that the Balik-Aral Program is very important in developing the personal aspect of the members of the Philippine National Police.

Table 2.2: Item Mean and Descriptive Distribution of the Respondents' Perception onthe Importance of The PNP Balik-Aral Program Relative to Professional Aspect

Item	Item Mean	Descriptive Scale
Easier promotion in rank	4.40	Very Important
More work delegated	4.25	Very Important
Involvement on professional organizations	4.20	Very Important
Education as a basis of staffing	4.20	Very Important
Better work assignment	4.20	Very Important
Category Mean	4.25	Very Important

Table 2.2 shows the item mean and descriptive scale distribution of the respondents' perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program relative to professional aspect. As shown in the table, all of the items obtained a descriptive equivalent of "very important" with the numerical values of 4.40 to 4.20. The highest value of 4.45 is on the item on "Promotion in rank" and this implies that educational qualification is also a primary consideration for promotion in the PNP Balik-Aral Program responds to such need of the undergraduate policemen. Balik-Aral Program is very important for more delegation of work; involvement on professional organizations; as a basis of staffing and for better work assignment. The category mean of 4.25 or "very important" implies that the respondents perceive that the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP is very important for improving their professional aspect.

Table 2.3: Item Mean and Descriptive Distribution of theRespondents' Perception onthe Importanceof The PNP Balik-Aral ProgramRelative to Economic Aspect

Item	Item Mean	Descriptive Scale
Improvement of living conditions	4.12	Important
Increase on salary/fringe benefits	4.08	Important
Lessens tendency of corruption organizations	4.02	Important
Category Mean	4.07	Important

Table 2.3 contains the item mean and descriptive scale distribution of the respondents' perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program relative to economic aspect. As



seen from the table, all of the items got a descriptive rating of "important" with the numerical values of 4.12 to 4.02. The highest item mean of 4.12 is on "Improvement of living conditions" which implies that the respondents perceive the Balik-Aral Program to be important only in improving living conditions, in the increase of salary/fringe benefits because of promotion and in lessening the tendency of corruption. The category mean of 4.07 or "important" implies that the respondents perceive that the PNP Balik-Aral Program is just important and not "very important" in the development of their economic aspect.

Table 2.4: Item Mean and Descriptive Distribution of the Respondents' Perception onthe Importanceof The PNP Balik-Aral ProgramRelative to Performance Aspect

Item	Item	Descriptive
	Mean	Scale
Upgrade the PNP Image	4.52	Very Important
Effective performance of duty	4.45	Very Important
Higher respect from the community	4.39	Very Important
Better output of work	4.36	Very Important
Increase sense of responsibility and commitment	4.36	Very Important
Category Mean	4.42	Very Important

Table 2.4 shows the item mean and descriptive scale distribution of the respondents' perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program relative to performance aspect. As gleaned from the table, all of the items were descriptively rated "very important" with the highest item mean of 4.52 or "very important" on "Upgrade the image of the PNP as well as in performing their duties effectively, in having a better output of work, in achieving higher respect from the community and in increasing the sense of responsibility and commitment. The category mean of 4.42 or "very important" implies that the respondents perceive that the PNP Balik-Aral Program is very important in improving their performance aspect.

Table 2.5: Summary of the Item Mean and Descriptive Distribution of the Respondents'Perception on the Importance of The PNP Balik-Aral Program along the Different Aspect

Item	Item	Descriptive
	Mean	Scale
Personal Aspect	4.33	Very Important
Professional Aspect	4.25	Very Important
Economic Aspect	4.07	Important
Performance Aspect	4.42	Very Important
Category Mean	4.42	Very Important



Table 2.5 summarizes the category mean and descriptive scale distribution of the respondents' perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program along the different aspects. As gleaned from the table, of the four (4) aspects, three (3) obtained a descriptive rating of "very important" while the remaining aspect which is "economic" rated only "important". The ratings of the three (3) aspects are 4.42, 4.33 and 4.25, on performance, personal and professional respectively. This implies that the respondents perceive that the PNP Balik-Aral Program is very important in developing their performance, personal and professional aspects but just important in improving their economic aspect.

3. Is there a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when grouped according to their profile variables?

Table 3.1: Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of the BalikAral Program of the PNPwhen Grouped According to their Age

		AGE			
Perception					
	21-30 yrs	31-40 yrs	41-50 yrs	51-56 yrs	Total
	old	old	old	old	
Very Important	5	31	31	2	69
Important	5	9	12	3	29
Moderately Important	3	9	19	3	34
Total	13	49	62	8	132

 $X_{c}^{2} = 7.853 \quad X_{t}^{2} = 9.35 \text{ df} = 4 \text{ LS} = .05 \text{ Decision: Accept Ho}$

Table 3.1 shows the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when they were grouped according to age. The test made use of the chi-square test whose values as shown in the table are 7.853 for computed and 9.35 for tabular. Since the former is lesser, the hypothesis is accepted. Therefore, no significant difference in the respondents' perception on the importance of the Balik-Aral Program when they were grouped according to age exists. This implies that regardless of age, the PNP respondents have the same perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program



Table 3.2:Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of the

	SEX	SEX		
Perception	Male	Female	Total	
Very Important	64	5	69	
Important	34	5	39	
Moderately Important	22	2	24	
Total	120	12	132	

Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to their Sex

$X_{c}^{2} = 0.958 \quad X_{t}^{2} = 5.99 \text{ df} = 2 \text{ LS} = .05 \text{ Decision: Accept Ho}$

Table 3.2 shows the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when they were grouped according to sex. The test made use of the chi-square test whose values as shown in the table are 0.958 for computed and 5.99 for tabular. Since the former is lesser, the hypothesis is accepted. Therefore, no significant difference in the respondents' perception on the importance of the Balik-Aral Program when they were grouped according to sex exists. This implies that regardless of sex, the PNP respondents have the same perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program.

Table 3.3:Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of theBalik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to their Civil Status

		CIVIL STATUS			
Perception	Married	Single	Widow/er	Total	
Very Important	66	3	0	69	
Important	38	1	0	39	
Moderately Important	21	1	2	24	
Total	125	5	2	132	

X_{c}^{2} = 9.41 X_{t}^{2} = 5.99 df = 2 LS = .05 Decision: Reject Ho

Table 3.3 yields the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when grouped according to civil status. The test that was employed was the chi- square test (X^2) whose computed value is 9.41 while the tabular value is 5.99. Since the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Hence, a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the importance of the PNP Balik- Aral program exists. This implies that the respondents vary on the importance of the Balik-Aral program of the PNP; that the married respondents perceive the program important while others do not.



 Table 3.4a: Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of the

 Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to Highest Educational

	HIGH	HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT					
	High	Tec/	w/ 72	Total			
Perception	School	Voc.'l	Collegiate				
	Graduate	Graduate	Units				
Very Important	28	15	26	69			
Important	22	10	7	39			
Moderately Important	7	7	10	24			
Total	57	32	43	132			

Attainment Upon Entry in the Police Service

X_{c}^{2} =6.592 X_{t}^{2} = 9.35 df=4 LS=.05 Decision: Accept Ho

Table 3.4a shows the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when they were grouped according to educational attainment. The test made use of the chi-square test whose values as shown in the table are 6.592 for computed and 9.35 for tabular. Since the former is lesser, the hypothesis is accepted. Therefore, no significant difference in the respondents' perception on the importance of the Balik-Aral Program when they were grouped according to educational attainment exists. This implies that regardless of educational attainment, the PNP respondents have the same perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program.

Table 3.4b:Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of theBalik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to Highest Educational

Attainment After the Implementation of R.A. 8551

	HIGHEST EDUCATI	HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Perception	College Graduate	College Undergraduate	Total			
Very Important	64	5	69			
Important	34	5	39			
Moderately Important	23	1	24			
Total	121	11	132			

X_{c}^{2} = 1.76 X_{t}^{2} = 5.99 df = 2 LS = .05 Decision: Accept Ho

Table 3.4b shows the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when they were grouped according to educational attainment after the implementation of R.A. 8551 As gleaned from the table, the values of the chi-square test which are 1.76 for computed and 5.99 for tabular signifies for the acceptance of the hypothesis. Therefore, there no significant difference in the



perception of the respondents and this implies that regardless of respondents' educational attainment after R.A. 8551, their perceptions are the same

Table 3.5:Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception Of the Importance of the

		ELIGIBILITY						
	РО	SPO	PI	Lic./	CS	CS Sub-	Others	Total
Perception	Exam	Exam	Exam	Board	Prof	Prof		
Very Important	36	10	2	3	6	5	7	69
Important	14	8	2	0	5	5	5	39
Moderately Important	11	4	0	0	4	1	4	24
Total	61	32	4	3	15	11	16	132

Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to Eligibility

X²_c =12.579 X²_t =15.51 df=8 LS=.05 Decision: Accept Ho

Table 3.5 shows the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when they were grouped according to eligibility. The test made use of the chi-square test whose values as shown in the table are 12.579 for computed and 15.51 for tabular. Since the former is lesser, the hypothesis is accepted. Therefore, no significant difference in the respondents' perception on the importance of the Balik-Aral Program when they were grouped according to eligibility exists. This implies that regardless of eligibility, the PNP respondents have the same perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program

Table 3.6: Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception Of the Importance of theBalik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to Eligibility Rank

		RANK				
Perception	PO1-PO3	SPO1-4	Total			
Very Important	19	50	69			
Important	9	30	39			
Moderately Important	16	8	24			
Total	44	88	132			

$X_{c}^{2} = 14.891 \quad X_{t}^{2} = 5.99 \quad df = 2 \quad LS = .05 \quad Decision: Reject Ho$

Table 3.6 yields the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when grouped according to rank. The test that was employed was the chi- square test (X²) whose computed value is 14.891 while the tabular value is 5.99. Since the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Hence, a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the importance of the PNP Balik- Aral program exists. This implies that the respondents vary on the importance of the



Balik-Aral program of the PNP; that the high-ranked respondents perceive the program important while others do not.

	DESIGNATION/POSITION							
	Admin	Intel	Invest	Opn	Supply	Fin	Others	Total
Perception	PNCO	PNCO	PNCO	PNCO	PNCO	PNCO		
Very Important Important	5	6	7	7	5	5	34	69
Moderately Important	5	6	5	6	5	2	10	39
	4	6	5	5	2	1	1	24
Total	14	18	17	18	12	8	45	132

Table 3.7: Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of theBalik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to Designation/Position

X_{c}^{2} =22.399 X_{t}^{2} =18.31 df=10 LS=.05 Decision: Reject Ho

Table 3.7 yields the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when grouped according to designation/position. The test that was employed was the chi- square test (X²) whose computed value is 22.399 while the tabular value is 18.31. Since the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Hence, a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the importance of the PNP Balik- Aral program exists. This implies that the respondents vary on the importance of the Balik-Aral program of the PNP; that the high positioned respondents perceive the program important while others do not.

Table 3.8: Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of the

		LENGTH OF SERVICE				
Perception	1-10 years	11-20 years	21-30 years	31-40 years	Total	
Very Important	11	43	15	0	69	
Important	6	17	15	1	29	
Moderately Important	10	7	6	1	34	
Total	27	67	36	2	132	

$X_{c}^{2} = 15.925 \quad X_{t}^{2} = 9.35 \quad df = 4 \quad LS = .05 \quad Decision: Reject Ho$

Table 3.8 yields the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when grouped according to length of service. The test that was employed was the chi- square test (X^2) whose computed value is 15.925 while the tabular value is 9.35. Since the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Hence, a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the



importance of the PNP Balik- Aral Program exists. This implies that the respondents vary on the importance of the Balik-Aral program of the PNP; that the old respondents perceive the program important while others do not.

Table 3.9: Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of theBalik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to Schoolings/Trainings Attended

		SCHOOLINGS/TRAININGS ATTENDED					
Perception	PSJLC	PSSLC	CIDC	MS	PRC	Others	Total
Very Important	24	9`	5	11	1	11	69
Important	11	7	5	5	5	6	39
Moderately Important	7	5	5	2	2	3	24
Total	42	21	15	18	16	20	132

 X_{c}^{2} =13.328 X_{t}^{2} = 15.51 df=8 LS=.05 Decision: Accept Ho

Table 3.9 shows the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when they were grouped according to schoolings/trainings attended. The test made use of the chi-square test whose values as shown in the table are 13.328 for computed and 9.35 for tabular. Since the former is lesser, the hypothesis is accepted. Therefore, no significant difference in the respondents' perception on the importance of the Balik-Aral Program when they were grouped according to schoolings/trainings attended exists. This implies that regardless of schoolings/trainings attended, the PNP respondents have the same perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral Program.

 Table 3.10: Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Importance of the

Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when Grouped According to Study Grants Availed

		STUDY GRANTS AVAILED					
Perception	DILG-	PNB-	MOA-	MOA-	ETEE	Others	
	DECS/	DILG	PNPPR	PNPPR	AP	(Self-	Total
	CHED	SCH.	02-	O2-LSU		supporti	
			FLVC			ng)	
Very Important	2	1	2	1	8	55	69
Important	0	0	0	0	0	39	39
Moderately Important	0	0	0	0	0	24	24
Total	2	1	2	1	8	118	132

 X_{c}^{2} = 14.301 X_{t}^{2} = 3.84 df = 1 LS = .05 Decision: Reject Ho



Table 3.10 yields the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception of the importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when grouped according to study grants availed. The test that was employed was the chi- square test (X²) whose computed value is 14.301 while the tabular value is 3.84. Since the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Hence, a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the importance of the PNP Balik- Aral program exists. This implies that the respondents vary on the importance of the Balik-Aral program of the PNP; that the self-supporting respondents perceive the program important while others do not.

Table 3.11: Summary of the Results of the Test of Difference in the Respondents'Perception of the Importance of the Balik-Aral Program of the PNP when GroupedAccording to Personal Profile Variables

Profile Variables	x ² computed	X ² tabular	Decision
Age	7.853	9.35	Accept Ho
Sex	0.958	5.99	Accept Ho
Civil Status	9.41	5.99	Reject Ho
Highest Educational Attainment	6.592	9.35	Accept Ho
Eligibility	12.579	15.51	Accept Ho
Rank	14.891	5.99	Reject Ho
Designation/Position	22.399	18.31	Reject Ho
Length of Service	15.925	9.35	Reject Ho
Schoolings/Trainings Attended	13.328	15.51	Accept Ho
Study Grants Availed	14.301	3.84	Reject Ho

Table 3.11 summarizes the results of the test difference in the respondents' perception on the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral program when grouped according to personal profile variables. As gleaned from the table, when the respondents were grouped according to age, sex, highest educational attainment, eligibility and schoolings/trainings attended, the values suggested for the acceptance of the hypotheses thus, no significant difference exists which implies that regardless of the above-mentioned variables, the respondents have the same perception as to the importance of the PNP Balik-Aral program whereas when they were grouped according to civil status, rank, designation/position, length of service and study grants availed, their perceptions vary/differ.

4. What are the problems being perceived by the respondents in finishing a baccalaureate degree?



Table 4: Frequency and Rank Distribution of the Problems Being Perceived by the

Perceived Problems	Frequency	Rank
Location of office assignment to school	38	1
School policies	30	2
Office policies	24	3
Personal Attitude	22	4
Study Grant	13	5
Program/Degree to be taken	5	6
Total	`132	

Respondents in Finishing aBaccalaureate Degree

Table 4 shows the frequency and rank distribution of the problems being perceived by the respondents in finishing a baccalaureate degree. As shown by the table, the highest frequency of 38 or rank no. 1 belongs to "Location of office assignment to school" which implies that this is the most perceived problem in the process of schooling whereas the least number of frequency belongs to "program/ degree to be taken" which implies that this is the because the respondents have no difficulty in deciding what degree to take/ finish.

5. Is there a significant difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate when grouped according to their profile variables?

Table 5.1: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems in

Finishing a Bac	calaureate Degree	When Grouped	According to Age
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			AGE				
Problems			21-30 yrs	31-40 yrs	41-50 yr	s 51-56	yrs Total
			old	old	old	old	
Location of office	assignment	to school	5	15	15	3	38
School policies			5	7	17	1	30
Office policies			1	8	14	1	24
Personal Attitude	<u>;</u>		1	15	13	3	2
Study Grant			1	10	2	0	13
Program/Degree to be taken			0	4	1	0	5
Total			13	49	62	8	132
Sources of Variance	Sum of Squares	Degree of Freedom	Means o Squares	f F compu	ıted Fta	bular	Decision
Between groups	353.67	3	117.89	4.24	3.13	2	Reject Ho
Within groups	556.33	20	27.82	7.27	5.1.	,	

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Table 5.1 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree according to age. The test was the F-test whose values are 4.24 for computed and 3.13 for tabular. Since, the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Thus, a significant difference in the perceptions of the respondents when grouped according to age on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree exists. This implies that the young and the old respondents differ on their perceptions of problems met in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

Table 5.2: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems in

	SEX				
Problems	Male	Female	Total		
Location of office assignment to school	33	5	38		
School policies		1 1 1			
Office policies	28	2	30		
Personal Attitude	22	2	24		
Study Grant	20	2	22		
Program/Degree to be taken	13	0	13		
	4	1	5		
Total	120	12	132		

Finishing a Baccalaureate Degree When Grouped According to Sex

Sources of Variance		Degree of Freedom		F computed	l F tabular	Decision
Between groups	972	1	972	17.48	4.96	Reject Ho
Within groups	556	10	55.6	17.40	4.90	Reject no

Table 5.2 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree according to sex. The test was the F-test whose values are 17.48 for computed and 4.96 for tabular. Since, the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Thus, a significant difference in the perceptions of the respondents when grouped according to sex on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree exists. This implies that the male and the female respondents differ on their perceptions of problems met in finishing a baccalaureate degree.



Table 6.3: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems in

	CIVIL STATUS					
Problems	Married	Single	Widow/er	Total		
Location of office assignment to school	35	2	1	38		
School policies	29	1	0	30		
Office policies	23	1	0	24		
Personal Attitude	22	0	0	22		
Study Grant	11	1	1	13		
Program/Degree to be taken	5	0	2	5		
Total	125	5	2	132		

Finishing a Baccalaureate Degree When Grouped According to Civil Status

Sources of Variance	Sum of Squares	Degree of Freedom	Means of Squares	F computed	F tabular	Decision
Between groups	1641	2	820.50	19.69	3.68	Reject Ho
Within groups	625	15	41.67	19.09	5.00	кејест по

Table 5.3 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree according to civil status. The test was the F-test whose values are 19.69 for computed and 3.68 for tabular. Since, the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Thus, a significant difference in the perceptions of the respondents when grouped according to civil status on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree exists. This implies that the married and the single respondents difference on their perceptions of problems met in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

Table 5.4a: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems in

Finishing a Baccalaureate Degree when Grouped According to Highest Educational

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	HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT					
Problems	High School	Tec/Voc.'l	w/ 72	Total		
	Graduate	Graduate	Collegiate Units			
Location of office assignment to school	15	7	16	38		
School policies	11	6	13	30		
Office policies	9	7	8	24		
Personal Attitude	10	6	6	22		
Study Grant	7	6	0	13		
Program/Degree to be taken	5	0	0	5		
Total	57	32	43	132		

Attainment Upon Entry in the Police Service



Sources of Variance	Sum of Squares	Degree of Freedom	Means of Squares	F computed	F tabular	Decision
Between groups	25.165	2	25.165	1.259	3.68	Accept Ho
Within groups	20.778	15	20.778	1.235	5.00	Acceptino

Table 5.4a shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree when grouped according to highest educational attainment upon entry in the police service. As seen from the table, the test employed the F-test whose values as seen from the table are 1.259 and 3.68 for computed and tabular respectively. Since the former is lesser, the hypothesis is accepted. Thus, no significant difference exists. This implies that regardless of the educational attainment, the respondents have the same perceived problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

Table 5.4b: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems inFinishing a Baccalaureate Degree when Grouped According to Highest EducationalAttainment After the Implementation of R.A. 8551

	HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Problems	College	College Under-			
	Graduate	Graduate	Total		
Location of office assignment to school	33	5	38		
School policies	29	1	30		
Office policies	23	1	24		
Personal Attitude	20	2	22		
Study Grant	12	1	13		
Program/Degree to be taken	4	1	5		
Total	121	11	132		

Sources of Variance	e Sum of Squares	0	Means of Squares	F computed	F tabular	Decision
Between groups	1008.33	1	1008.33	17.04	4.96	Reject Ho
Within Groups	591.67	10	59.167	17.04	4.90	Reject HU

Table 5.4b shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree when grouped according to highest educational attainment after the implementation of R.A. 8551. As seen from the table, the computed value of F-test is 17.04 and while the tabular value is 4.96 and since the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected, hence, a significant difference in the



perception of problems among the respondents exists which implies that the respondents

differ in their perceptions regarding the perceived problems.

		ELIGIBILITY						
	РО	SPO	PI	Lic./	CS	CS Sub-	Others	Total
Problems	Exam	Exam	Exam	Board	Prof	Prof		
Location of office ass. to school	10	8	2	2	3	5	8	38
School policies	11	6	2	1	3	2	5	30
Office policies	8	7	0	0	5	2	2	24
Personal Attitude	6	9	0	0	4	2	1	22
Study Grant	5	4	0	0	1	0	3	13
Program/Degree to be taken	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	5
Total	42	36	4	3	16	11	20	132

Table 5.5: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems inFinishing a Baccalaureate Degree When Grouped According to Eligibility

Sources of Variance	Sum of Squares	Degree of Freedom	Means of Squares	F computed	F tabular	Decision
Between groups	99.476	6	16.579	1.936	2.37	Accept Ho
Within groups	299.67	35	8.562	1.930	2.37	Acceptino

Table 5.5 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree when grouped according to eligibility. As seen from the table, the test employed the F-test whose values as seen from the table are 1.936 and 2.37 for computed and tabular respectively. Since the former is lesser, the hypothesis is accepted. Thus, no significant difference exists. This implies that regardless of eligibility, the respondents have the same perceived problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

Table 5.6: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems inFinishing a Baccalaureate Degree When Grouped According to Rank

		RANK				
Problems	POI-POIII	SPOI-SPOIV	Total			
Location of office ass. to school	12	26	38			
School policies	8	22	30			
Office policies	5	19	24			
Personal Attitude	10	12	22			
Study Grant	5	8	13			
Program/Degree to be taken	4	1	5			
Total	44	88	132			



Sources of Variance	Sum of Squares	Degree of Freedom	Means of Squares	F computed	F tabular	Decision
Between groups	161.33	1	161.33	3.288	4.96	Accept Ho
Within groups	490.67	10	49.067	5.200	4.90	Ассерт по

Table 5.6 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree when grouped according to rank. As seen from the table, the test employed the F-test whose values as seen from the table are 3.288 and 4.96 for computed and tabular respectively. Since the former is lesser, the hypothesis is accepted. Thus, no significant difference exists. This implies that regardless of the rank, the respondents have the same perceived problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

Table 6.7: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems inFinishing a Baccalaureate Degree When Grouped According to Designation/Position

		DESIGNATION/POSITION						
	Adm	Intel	Inv	Opn	Sup	Fin	Others	Total
Problems	PNCO	PNCO	PNCO	PNCO	PNCO	PNCO	Traf/Radio	
Location of office ass. to school	5	6	5	6	4	3	9	38
School policies	2	3	3	4	3	2	13	30
Office policies	2	2	3	2	2	2	11	24
Personal Attitude	2	2	2	2	2	1	11	22
Study Grant	2	3	4	2	1	0	1	13
Program/Degree to be taken	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	5
Total	14	18	17	18	12	8	45	132

Sources of Variance	Sum of Squares	Degree of Freedom	Means of Squares	F computed	F tabular	Decision
Between groups	146.143	6	24.357	3.823	2.37	Reject Ho
Within groups	223	35	6.371	5.025	2.37	Neject HO

Table 5.7 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree according to designation/position. The test was the F-test whose values are 3.823 for computed and 2.37 for tabular. Since, the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Thus, a significant difference in the perceptions of the respondents when grouped according to designation/position on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree exists. This implies that the high and the low positioned respondents differ on their perceptions of problems met in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

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	LENGTH OF SERVICE							
	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	Total			
Problems	years	years	years	years				
Location of office ass. to school	8	20	9	1	38			
School policies	5	17	8	0	30			
Office policies	5	13	6	0	24			
Personal Attitude	4	12	5	1	22			
Study Grant	3	5	5	0	13			
Program/Degree to be taken	2	0	3	0	5			
Total	27	67	36	2	132			

Table 5.8: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems inFinishing a Baccalaureate Degree When Grouped According to Length of Service

Sources of Variance	e Sum of Squares	Degree of Freedom	Means of Squares	F computed	F tabular	Decision
Between groups	360.33	3	120.11	7.376	3.10	Reject Ho
Within groups	325.67	20	16.283	7.570	5.10	Reject no

Table 5.8 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree according to length of service. The test was the F-test whose values are 7.376 for computed and 3.10for tabular. Since, the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Thus, a significant difference in the perceptions of the respondents when grouped according to length of service on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree exists. This implies that the new and the old respondents differ on their perceptions of problems met in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

Table 5.9: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems in Finishing a Baccalaureate Degree When Grouped According to Schoolings/Trainings Attended

	SCHOOLINGS/TRAININGS ATTENDED							
Problems	PSJLC	PSSLC	CIDC	MS	PRC	Others	Total	
Location of office ass. to school	10	7	5	8	6	2	38	
School policies	10	5	3	5	5	2	30	
Office policies	7	3	2	3	3	6	24	
Personal Attitude	8	4	2	1	2	5	22	
Study Grant	5	1	2	1	0	4	13	
Program/Degree to be taken	2	1	1	0	0	1	5	
Total	42	21	15	18	16	20	132	



Sources of Variance	e Sum of Squares	Degree of Freedom	Means of Squares	F computed	F tabular	Decision
Between groups	84.33	5	16.866	2.785	2.54	Poinct Ho
Within groups	181.67	30	6.056	2.765	2.34	Reject Ho

Table 5.9 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree according to schoolings/trainings attended. The test was the F-test whose values are 2.785 for computed and 2.54 for tabular. Since, the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Thus, a significant difference in the perceptions of the respondents when grouped according to schoolings/trainings attended on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree exists. This implies that respondents with varied trainings differ on their perceptions of problems met in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

Table 5.10: Test of Difference in the Perception of the Respondents on the Problems inFinishing a Baccalaureate Degree when Grouped According to Study Grants Availed

		STUDY GRANTS AVAILED						
		DILG-	PNB-	MOA-	MOA-	ETEEAF	Others	
Problems		DECS/CH	DILG	PNPPRO2-	PNPPRC		(Self-	Total
		ED	SCH.	FLVC	2-LSU		supporting	
						¦	20	
Location of office ass. t	to school	2	1	1	1	5	28	38
School policies		0	0	1	0	1	28	30
Office policies		0	0	0	0	1	23	24
Personal Attitude		0	0	0	0	0	22	22
Study Grant		0	0	0	0	1	12	13
Program/Degree to be	taken	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Total		2	1	2	1	8	118	132
Sources of Variance	Sum of	Degre	e of	Means of	F	F	Decis	ion
	Squares	Freed	om	Squares	compu	ited tal	oular	
Between groups	1849	5		369.80				
Within groups	4.53	30		151	24.49	2.5	54 Rejec	t Ho



Table 5.10 shows the results of the test of difference in the perception of the respondents on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree according to study grants availed. The test was the F-test whose values are 24.49 for computed and 2.54 for tabular. Since, the computed value is greater, the hypothesis is rejected. Thus, a significant difference in the perceptions of the respondents when grouped according to study grants availed on the problems in finishing a baccalaureate degree exists. This implies that self-supporting and study guarantees respondents differ on their perceptions of problems met in finishing a baccalaureate degree.

Table 5.11: Summary of the Results of the Test of Difference in the Respondents' Perception of the Problems of Finishing a Baccalaureate Degree when Grouped According to Personal Profile Variables

Profile Variables	Fcomputed	Ftabular	Decision
Age	4.24	3.13	Reject Ho
Sex	17.48	4.96	Reject Ho
Civil Status	19.69	3.68	Reject Ho
Highest Educational Attainment	1.259	3.68	Accept Ho
Eligibility	1.936	2.37	Accept Ho
Rank	3.288	4.96	Accept Ho
Designation/Position	3.823	2.37	Reject Ho
Length of Service	7.376	3.10	Reject Ho
Schoolings/Trainings Attended	2.785	2.54	Reject Ho
Study Grants Availed	24.49	2.54	Reject Ho

Table 5.11 summarizes the results of the test of difference in the respondents' perception on the problems of finishing a baccalaureate degree when grouped according to profile variables. The test used the F-test whose values as shown by the table were greater than the tabular values when the respondents were grouped according to age, sex, civil status, designation/position, length of service, schoolings/trainings attended and study grants availed. This implies that such variables caused the difference in the respondents' perception on the problems met in finishing a degree whereas when the respondents were grouped according to highest educational attainment, eligibility and rank, the hypotheses were accepted which implies that regardless of educational attainment, eligibility and rank, the respondents have the same perception of the problems in finishing a degree.



CONCLUSION

Professionalism of the police has been regarded to be an effective means of upgrading and improving the image of the police, hence the full implementation of the program on professionalization is being encouraged and undertaken. In fairness to the PNP members who have not finished any baccalaureate degree during the time of their initial hiring baccalaureate degree was not yet the minimum requirement, the Balik-Aral Program was conceived and whose objective is to give chance to PNP members to pursue their studies. Everyone who is affected by this program is expected to positively respond, otherwise, it may be a ground for them to be attrited or terminated from the service. However, in their desire to cope with the requirement, it was found out that there are perceived problems which hinder them to attain such goal of finishing a baccalaureate degree, the most perceived problem is "Location of office assignment to school." Therefore, the PNP must address these hindrances in order to fully realize the ultimate goal of the PNP in professionalizing its rank and file.

RECOMMENDATION

In the light of the findings that "LOCATION OF OFFICE ASSIGNMENT TO SCHOOL" the pressing problem to fully realize the provision of R.A. 8551 is to professionalize the PNP, the researcher recommends that the respondents who are willing to pursue their studies to be able to finish a baccalaureate degree should be re-assigned to units/stations near the institutions which are ETEEAP providers.

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