



Executive Summary

Renewal of Institutional Licensure Police College Abu Dhabi

September 7-12, 2019

An External Review Team (hereafter ERT) visited the Police College Abu Dhabi (PCA) from 7 to 12 September 2019 to evaluate its Self-Study (hereafter the *Self-Study*) for Renewal of Institutional Licensure. The exit interview was held on 12 September 2019.

PCA was established in 1985 by virtue of Federal Law No. (6) of 1985, which specified the duration of study and training as two academic years, after which the candidate student earns a diploma in Police Sciences. Five batches of candidate students have graduated according to this system. Under the Federal Law No. (5) of 1992, study and training curricula were developed in PCA to establish a four-year program preceded by a foundation semester to prepare the students physically and mentally. Based on the directives of His Highness, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior and in accordance with Federal Law No. (31) of 2005, the title of the certificate was amended to become a Bachelor of Police Science and Criminal Justice, and the curriculum was designed using the educational packages system. In 2016, the title of the certificate was modified to become a Bachelor of Applied Police Sciences, and the duration of study was reduced to 3 years. In addition, a 6-month course for college graduates was developed. In the 2013-2014 academic year, PCA started to offer two master's degree programs one in Police Administration and another in Criminal Justice.

The ERT commends the material resources, technical infrastructure, capabilities, and training of PCA. On the other hand, the ERT identified areas of improvement mainly related to developing the vision and mission statements, reviewing the organizational structure to make it consistent with that of a higher education institution, the activities of the quality assurance and institutional research unit, the comprehensive review of educational programs, the development of clear policies for scientific research, and ensuring the consistency of information among various PCA documents.

The ERT makes its recommendations in a spirit of constructive engagement, with the aim of ensuring that the *Standards* are met, and to aid PCA in its desired objective to renew its licensure and achieves its ambitious mission.