

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION
STATUS OF MAJOR PROGRAMS/PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION

First Quarter of 2019

Sector Outcome : Income-earning ability increased
Organizational Outcome : Highly ethical, globally competitive and recognized Filipino professionals ensured

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A. PROGRAMS				
PRB Secretariat Division	CONTINUING IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PRC / PRBs RULES AND PROCEDURES	The program aims to assess the adequacy of the existing laws, regulations, policies and procedures affecting the licensing and practice of profession. This will also assist the Commission and Professional Regulatory Boards in improving regulation.	Professionals and other stakeholders	<u>Policy Issuances:</u> PRC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments to the Relevant provisions of Resolution No. 1032 (s 2017), otherwise known as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10912, known as the CPD Act of 2016; 2. Implementation of Revised Expanded Withholding Tax on professional Fees under TRAIN RA 10963 and January 2019 Honorarium Computation; 3. Adoption of New Reporting Form for the Monthly Submission of Frontline Services; 4. Revised Criteria in the Selection of Personnel to Compose the PRC Examination Team Deployed for Overseas Special Professional

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				<p>Licensure Examination (SPLE);</p> <p>5. Calendar of Submission of Reportorial Requirements to the Commission and to Various Government Agencies for 2019;</p> <p>6. Prescribing the Examination Fees for the 2019 Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE);</p> <p>7. Allowing the payment of Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE) Fees through PRC regional Cashiers, including Service Centers and Prescribing the Guidelines thereof.</p> <p><u>Professional Regulatory Policies</u></p> <p>PRBs</p> <p>1. Accountancy: Amendments on the Syllabi and Tables of Specifications (TOS) of the Subjects in the CPA Licensure Examination;</p> <p>2. Chemistry: Prescribing New Documentary Requirements for the Chemists and Chemical Technicians Licensure Examination;</p> <p>3. Dentistry: Designation of the Chairperson of the CPD Council for Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Technologists;</p> <p>4. Electrical Engineering: Designation of</p>

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				<p>CPD Council Alternates, CPD Evaluators and Monitors;</p> <p>5. Environmental Planning: Clarification on the Five Year Prescriptive Period for those Covered under the Environmental Planning Act of 2013;</p> <p>6. Geodetic Engineering: Designation of CPD Council Alternates, and Additional Monitors;</p> <p>7. Landscape Architecture: Designation of CPD Council Alternates, CPD Evaluators and Monitors;</p> <p>8. Librarianship: Designation of CPD Council Alternates, CPD Evaluators and Monitors;</p> <p>9. Midwifery: Clarification on the Filipino Counterpart Requirement for the issuance of Special Temporary Permit (STP) to foreign Professionals Engaged in Medical or Humanitarian Missions in the Philippines;</p> <p>10.Nursing: Reconstitution of the Continuing Professional Development Council (CPD) for Nurses;</p> <p>11.Optomety: Prescribing New Documentary Requirements for the Optometrists Licensure Examination;</p> <p>12.Pharmacy: Prescribing New Documentary Requirements for the</p>

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				Pharmacists Licensure Examination; 13. Radiologic and X-ray Technology: Prescribing New Documentary Requirements for the Radiologic and X-ray Technologists Licensure Examination.
International Affairs Office	PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (PQF)	<p>The PQF describes the levels of educational qualifications and set the standards for qualification outcomes. It is a quality assured national system for the development, recognition and award of qualifications based on standards of knowledge, skills and values acquired in different ways and methods by learners and workers of the country.</p> <p>The Commission, being one of the member agencies of the PQF-NCC is the lead for the Working Group on International Alignment (WG on IA). The functions of the WG on IA are to conduct researches/ studies for comparability/ benchmarking of the Philippine qualifications with other countries and regional/ international groupings and to coordinate with professional organizations in the pursuit of mutual recognition arrangements/ agreements.</p> <p>PRC convenes a meeting among all</p>	Professionals and other stakeholders	<p>The International Affairs Office, presided/attended/facilitated two MRPQ meetings with 17 PRBs in January and 18 PRBs in February.</p> <p>Further, the IAO participated and rendered technical assistance in the following series of meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd CPS-CAS Meeting on 23 January 2019 • Consultative Meeting on the CPS Program of PRB Respiratory Therapy on 28 February 2019 • Orientation for the PRB OF Mechanical Engineering and Real Estate Service on the International Agreements, PQF, MRA/MRPQ and other relevant matters on 6 March 2019 • 2nd Inception and Consultation Meeting on the crafting of the proposed Architecture Qualifications Framework on 14 March 2019 • 4th CPD-CATS Meeting on 21 March

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		<p>concerned Professional Regulatory Boards every two months to monitor and map their progress, likewise to identify points of intervention where the Commission may have to come in.</p>		<p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crafting of Agriculture Qualification Framework on 29 March 2019 <p>Meetings relative to PQF and AQRF initiatives have been attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PQF NCC Meeting on 15 January 2019 • PQF-IRR Technical Working Group Meeting on 19 February 2019 • PQF TWG Meeting on 22 March 2019 <p>The office have been also facilitated the following meetings relative to the ASEAN MRAs and PRBs submission of reports on the MRPQ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Consultation on the draft Assessment Statement for the ASEAN Registered Surveyor on 5 January 2019 • Meeting on the successful paper on ACPER on 9 January 2019 • Preparatory Meeting for the implementation of the Joint Administrative Order No. 2015 – 01 on 18 January 2019 • AMCESP Secretariat meeting on 25 January 2019 • Meeting with PRB Landscape

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				<p>Architecture and TESDA on the recognition of trainings and learning programs conducted by Singapore National Parks Board on 31 January 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory Meeting for the ASEAN 92nd CCS (Health and Business) on 28 January 2019 • DOH Debriefing on the ASEAN 92nd ASEAN CCS on 26 February 2019 • Follow-through Meeting on the recognition of trainings and learning programs conducted by Singapore National Parks Board on 26 February 2019 • Preparatory Meeting on the 3rd AA Congress on 27 February 2019 • Post ASEAN 92nd CCS Meeting (Health) on 28 February 2019 • Consultative Meeting on APEC Engineers interviewed in Bahrain on 4 March 2019 • Post ASEAN 92nd CCS Meeting (Business) on 6 March 2019 • 2nd Preparatory Meeting on the 3rd AA Congress on 6 March 2019 • AMCPASP Meeting on 7 March 2019 • APEC Engineer Secretariat Meeting on 8 March 2019

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with PH Embassy in Riyadh on streamlining of the verification and registration process for Engineers and Architects working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 11 March 2019 3rd, 4th and 5th meeting for the 3rd AA Congress on 13 March, 20 March and 26 March 2019 Preparatory Meeting for the ASEAN 94th CCS Hosting on 26 March 2019 PTC request meeting on updates on ACPER on 28 March 2019 Follow-through Meeting on the recognition of trainings and learning programs conducted by Singapore National Parks Board on 28 March 2019.
Continuing Professional Development Division	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>Republic Act No. 10912 or otherwise known as the "Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Act of 2016," is declared the policy of the State to promote and upgrade the practice of professions in the country.</p> <p>CPD refers to the inculcation of advanced knowledge, skills and ethical values is now a mandatory requirement in the renewal of professional identification cards (PICs) for</p>	Professionals and other stakeholders	<p>Relative to the implementation of Commission Resolution No. 2019-1146 (s. 2019), capacity building and orientation on the said resolution have been conducted during the nineteen (19) consultative meetings of various PRBs for the first quarter.</p> <p>Concerned CPD committees drafted guidelines on Self-Directed Learning Activities, CPD Provider's seminar/</p>

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		<p>all professionals under the regulation of PRC.</p> <p>The following shall be undertaken this 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of capacity building and orientation on the implementation of Commission Resolution No. 2019-1146 (s. 2019) entitled "Amending Relevant Provisions of Resolution No. 1032 (s. 2017), otherwise known as the "Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. No. 10912, known as the CPOD Act of 2016" • Issue and disseminate an average of 4 guidelines on the implementation of the CPD program • Issue Operational Guidelines of various PRBs during the transition period of the CPD implementation, pursuant to Resolution No. 2019-1146 • Report on the number of accredited CPD Providers, Programs and number of professionals attended. 		<p>registration fees, On-line learning activities and other internet based-platform, and Informal Learning and Professional Work experience to be reviewed by the CPD PMC.</p> <p>Further, eleven (11) operational guidelines of the following professions have been drafted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accountancy 2. Agriculture 3. Nursing 4. Pharmacy 5. Guidance and Counseling 6. Social Work 7. Chemistry 8. Psychology 9. Fisheries 10. Master Plumber 11. Optometry <p>Meanwhile, a total of 105 CPD Providers and 4,998 CPD Programs have been accredited by various CPD Councils. About 286,587 professionals have attended various CPD Programs.</p>

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Legal Service	STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION'S QUASI-JUDICIAL FUNCTION	<p>The Legal Service will embark on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Declogging Project, through streamlining of procedures and hiring of more lawyers • Introduction of new Records Management System and implementation of the Legal Management Information System to enhance the monitoring and security of case folders • On illegal practice, the Commission is working on an arrangement with the NBI for the investigation and prosecution of complaints 	Professionals and other stakeholders	<p>For the first quarter, guidelines on the Case Declogging Project are being crafted for more efficient flow on investigation of cases. The Commission is still on the process of hiring Case Decongestion Officers.</p> <p>Meetings and study for additional procedures and guidelines are still being reviewed and drafted for more efficient implementation of LMIS and security of case folders.</p> <p>Guidelines on investigation and prosecution of complaints for illegal practice is already drafted and for review.</p>
Licensure Office Regional Offices Accreditation and Compliance	SUPPORTING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS IN LICENSURE, DISCIPLINARY, AND VISITORIAL FUNCTIONS	<p>The Professional Regulatory Boards, as partners of the Commission in professional regulation shall be fully supported in the discharge of their functions, be it in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of licensure exams conducted • Regulation/Disciplinary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Renewal of PICs ○ Initial Registration ○ Duplicate PICs ○ Duplicate CORs • Visitorial Functions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of inspections 	Professionals and other stakeholders	<p>For the 1st quarter, the Commission, through the Licensure Office, conducted 12 licensure examinations in various testing centers in Manila, PRC Regional Offices and other testing centers in selected regions.</p> <p>Further, the Commission, through the Licensure and Registration Division of the Regional Offices and the Professional Registry Division of the Central Office, processed /issued the following from January to March 2019:</p>

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Division		<p>conducted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certification of Accreditation issued ○ Certificate of Compliance issued ○ Authority to Operate issued 		<p>Renewal of Professional ID Cards (PIC) – 151,853 Initial Registration – 83,425 Duplicate PICs – 6,384 Duplicate CORs – 1,026</p> <p>The PRBs, Accreditation and Compliance Division (ACD), and the Regional Offices conducted a total of 354 inspections of Establishments and Higher Education Institutions in Metro Manila and in different provinces.</p> <p>Furthermore, the ACD issued and approved a total of 569 certificates, with the breakdown as follows:</p> <p>Certificate of Accreditation – 524 Certificate of Compliance – 13 Authority to Operate - 31</p>
PIMRU Records Division/FOI Committee	PROVIDE PROACTIVE MEASURES FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION, INCLUDING SOCIAL MEDIA	<p>Being an agency with significant frontline services, the Commission will continue to adhere and support the principles of good governance and practices. Proactive measures shall be adopted, which include the use of social media as one of the mediums of communication in clarifying issues and concern to the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Information Dissemination 	Professionals and other stakeholders	<p><u>Online Information Dissemination</u></p> <p>Information on PRC Services can be accessed through the PRC website and PRC Facebook and Twitter handles, on which, from January to March 2019, a total of 40 news items have been published.</p> <p>Further, a total of 4,420 information requests – 2,740 through Facebook, 346</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request received and processed through FOI 		<p>through Twitter and 1,334 through Gmail.</p> <p><u>Freedom of Information (FOI)</u></p> <p>From January to March 2019, a total of 533 FOI requests for documents through FOI policy have been received while 528 FOI requests have been processed.</p>
ICT Service	DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW SYSTEMS	<p>NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION This project aims to provide the internet connectivity specifically in the processing of PRC online transactions, and to connect all PRC support application systems to all PRC Offices and Service Centers nationwide.</p> <p>INTERACTIVE ARCHIVAL STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF RECORD SYSTEM This project is a document automation and management system that converts PRC's physical permanent records to digital softcopy, extracts important information from each of these documents with automatic generation of metadata that will lessen, if not eliminate, manual data entry and stores it for easy retrieval. The system also provides an easier (electronic) access to</p>	Professionals and other stakeholders	Pertinent documents relative to the bidding were finalized and submitted to the BAC.

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		<p>documents, files, records, thereby eliminating handling of actual paper documents.</p> <p>CENTRALIZED DOCUMENT TRACKING SYSTEM This project is a windows-based or intranet-based application system that will handle internal communication within the PRC Central Office and Regional Offices. It will provide an automated, electronic workflow system for a paperless or less-paper system, and will also track any document from its creation-transmission-approval-distribution-storage-archiving-reporting, and other related processes.</p> <p>QUEUE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR KEY FRONTLINE SERVICES This project aims to enhance customer service and improve efficiency in the delivery of key PRC frontline services. Dashboards shall be made available on a computer monitor to provide a range of information, such as dynamic queue length and waiting time data.</p>		<p>The Queue Management System is on its system's development stage.</p>

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Human Resource Development Division PRC Newly-Approved Regional Offices Task Force	COMPLETING THE PRC REORGANIZATION	<p>In its commitment to provide quality and professional service to the public, the “PRC Reorganization” shall continue. Plantilla personnel shall be promoted, and qualified contractual staff regularized, thereby increasing the organization’s strength and significantly augmenting and invigorating the current the manpower complement.</p> <p>The Commission is also aiming for Level II accreditation for the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM)</p>	PRC Officials and employees	<p>Filled up 65% or 701 out of the 1,074 approved plantilla positions.</p> <p>Conducted two (2) onboarding program for newly appointed and promoted employees in January & February 2019.</p> <p>Coordinated with CSC for the initial evaluation of PRC HR policies, programs and activities.</p> <p>The Workshop on Competency Modeling and Profiling was conducted on 16-17 May 2019 resulting in the initial draft of the competency model for frontline staff.</p> <p>The revised PRC Merit Selection Plan (MSP) was initially approved by the Civil Service Commission.</p> <p>Prepared a more comprehensive guideline, policies, systems and procedures on scholarship and training program of the Commission.</p>
B. PROJECTS				
General Services Division Physical Infrastructure	INFRASTRUCTURE	<p>The Commission will undertake the following projects for year 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of Elevator • Painting of PRC Building • Emergency Fire Exit Door 	Professionals Employees Other stakeholders	The required documents have been prepared for public bidding.

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Committee		.		
International Affairs Office	INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION	<p>The Commission shall continue its collaboration with agencies of government on issues concerning the professions and professionals, particularly on initiatives to enhance the practice of Filipino professionals overseas, as well as to regulate domestic practice by foreign professionals. It shall work with the DFA and DTI for the inclusion of mutual recognition in their priority measures, and with DOLE for the welfare of professional working here and abroad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings attended/conducted • Number of registered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers ○ ASEAN Architect ○ ASEAN CPA • Number of Special Temporary Permits processed and issued 	Professionals and other stakeholders	<p>The IAO have rendered 100% technical and administrative support on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Progression and Specialization (CPS) Committee Meeting on 21 March 2019 • Collated 40 survey forms from the Professional Regulatory Boards • Summarized and submitted the output to the Commission on 31 January 2019 and 19 March 2019 • Meeting with the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers who were interviewed in Bahrain on 4 March 2019 • ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers Conferment Ceremony on 18 March 2019 • Meeting with the Philippine Ambassadors to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain and Commission on Filipino Overseas on the pending agreement with Saudi of Council Engineers on 11 March 2019 <p>On the practice of profession by foreign professionals , IAO have sustained participation on the following:</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of DOLE on the employment of foreign national on 01 March 2019 • Meeting of DFA on the new policy in the authentication of foreign documents on 4 March 2019 • Forum on Refugee on the practice of profession on 7 March 2019 • Special Meeting on Livelihoods and Self-Reliance of Refugees on 12 March 2019 • Meeting with the Ministry of Education of Thailand and other government agencies on the proposed MOU on the Government to Government hiring of Filipino teachers by the Kingdom of Thailand on 12 March 2019 • Follow-up meeting on the proposed MOU with Thailand on the hiring of Filipino teachers on 14 March 2019 and 18 March 2019 • Meeting of DOLE on the policy on the issuance of Alien Employment Permit and Special Temporary Permit on 19 March 2019. <p>Meanwhile, 60 ACPE and 5 ASEAN CPA have been registered, with the breakdown as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>60 ACPE</u>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 57 Electrical Engineers - 2 Electronics Engineers - 1 Mechanical Engineer ○ <u>5 ASEAN CPA</u> <p>A total of 343 applications for Special Temporary Permits (humanitarian and non-humanitarian) were processed and issued from January to March 2019.</p>
ISO Committee	ISO Certification	The program is in compliance with Executive Order No. 605 series of 2007, and DOLE Memorandum Order No. 42-18 series of 2013, and in line with the Commission's compliance with the ISO 9001:2015 standards.	Professionals Employees Other stakeholders	In compliance with the ISO 9001:2015 standards, the Commission's approved Certification is valid until 30 August 2019. In preparation for the Reassessment Audit the Internal Quality Audit in the Central Office will be conducted in May 2019.