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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11131,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF
CRIMINOLOGY PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6506,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES"**

Pursuant to Section 10 (c), Article II and Section 41, Article V of Republic Act (RA) No. 11131, also known as "The Philippine Criminology Profession Act of 2018", the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology (Board), with the approval of the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission), hereby issues and promulgates the following Rules and Regulations to carry out the provisions of the law.

RULE I

**TITLE, STATEMENT OF POLICY, OBJECTIVES,
DEFINITION OF TERMS AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

SECTION 1. Title. –This Resolution shall be known as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11131 entitled "The Philippine Criminology Profession Act of 2018".

SECTION 2. Statement of Policy. – The State recognizes the importance of criminology profession in national security, public safety, peace and order, and in nation-building and development. Hence, it shall develop and nurture competent, virtuous, productive and well-rounded criminologists whose standards of professional practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-class and globally competitive through sacred, honest, effective and credible licensure examinations, coupled with programs and activities that would promote professional growth and development.

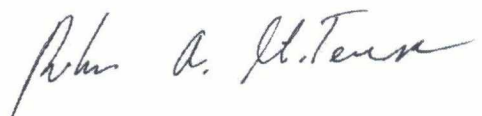
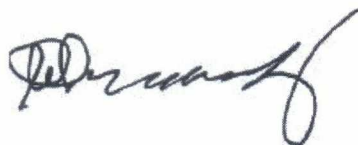
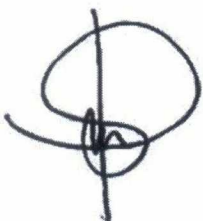
This IRR of RA No. 11131 shall be interpreted, construed and carried out in the light of the Statement of Policy enshrined in Section 2, Article I of RA No. 11131.

SECTION 3. Objectives. – This Act shall govern:

- (a) The examination, registration and licensure for criminologists;
- (b) The supervision, control and regulation of the practice of criminology;
- (c) The participation in the standardization of the criminology education program;
- (d) The development of the professional competence of criminologists through Continuing Professional Development (CPD); and
- (e) The integration of all criminology professional groups and membership of all registered criminologists to the accredited professional organization.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. – As used in this IRR, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

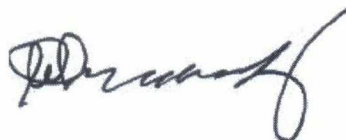
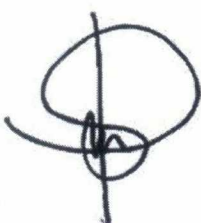
- (a) *AIPO* refers to the one and only recognized and accredited integrated national organization of criminologists, as endorsed by the Professional Regulatory Board subject to the approval of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). For purposes of implementing RA No. 11131, AIPO shall be referred to as the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) for the criminology profession;
- (b) *Board* refers to the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology created hereunder;
- (c) *Certificate of Registration* refers to the document issued by the Commission, through the Board, signifying that the person named therein is entitled to practice the criminology profession with all the privileges appurtenant thereto;
- (d) *CHED* refers to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) created under RA No. 7722, otherwise known as “Higher Education Act of 1994”;
- (e) *Code of Ethics* refers to the set of moral and ethical principles that all registered Criminologists must abide by as they practice the profession.
- (f) *Code of Good Governance for the Practice of Criminology* refers to the formal outlines of the mission, vision, and ideals of Filipino criminologists. It also governs the criminologists’ conduct towards the state, the public, the profession and fellow professionals.
- (g) *Commission* refers to Professional Regulation Commission created under Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000”;
- (h) *Continuing Professional Development (CPD)* refers to the attainment of advanced knowledge, skills and ethical values in a post-licensure specialization or in an inter-or multidisciplinary field of study, for assimilation into professional practice, self-directed research and/or lifelong learning.
- (i) *Criminology* refers to the scientific study of crimes, criminals, victims and criminal behavior. It also deals with the prevention, and solution of crimes;
- (j) *Foreign Reciprocity* refers to Sections 14 (a) and 29 of this IRR which provide that only nationals of foreign countries in which the requirements for the licensure examination and/or registration and practice of criminology are substantially the same as those required and contemplated by the Philippine laws and regulations, and which laws and regulations allow Philippine citizens to practice criminology within the territory of such foreign countries on the same basis and grant the same privileges as those enjoyed by their citizens, subjects or nationals shall be allowed to take the Philippine Criminologists licensure examination and be given CORs and PICs pursuant to R. A. No. 11131;



- (k) *Law Enforcement* refers to the component of internal or homeland security of the Philippines charged with the mandate to enforce, investigate, and participate as important agents in the prosecution of violations of criminal local laws, including international laws duly adopted as part of the law of the land under the Constitution.
- (l) *National Security* refers to the dynamics and interplay of the political, economic, socio-cultural, techno-scientific, environmental, and military to attain and maintain a condition where the sovereignty of the nation, the territorial integrity of the state, the government and its instrumentalities, and the welfare of the people are secured, advanced, nurtured, and protected.
- (m) *Profession* refers to the art and science in the practice of criminology discipline;
- (n) *Professional Identification Card* refers to the document bearing the registration number, dates of issuance and expiry, duly signed by the Commission Chairperson;
- (o) *Professional or Component Subjects on Criminology* refer to the component subjects per area as provided under Section 15 of this IRR and subject to the conditions as may be provided therefor or by the Board.
- (p) *Public Safety* refers to the protection of the homeland which includes law enforcement and policing, criminal justice system, protection and safeguard of lives and properties, customs and immigration, maritime sea and border protection, health, environment and ecosystem, public safety and civil defense.
- (q) *Quasi-police Functions* refers to activities of law enforcement agencies and its agents which does not directly involve enforcement or investigation of violations of criminal laws. This is also referred to as order maintenance or community services.
- (r) *Registered criminologist* refers to a natural person who holds a valid Certificate of Registration (COR) and an updated Professional Identification Card (PIC) as criminologist issued by the Board and the Commission pursuant to RA No. 11131.
- (s) *Report of Rating* refers to the document stating the rating obtained by the examinee in the licensure examination;
- (t) *Tables of Specification (TOS)* refers to the list of outcomes-based competencies which the licensure examination measures and assesses; and
- (u) *Temporary/Special Permit* refers to privilege granted to registered Criminologists from other countries and for Filipinos in allied discipline as mentioned in Section 30 of this IRR to be able to practice in the Philippines;

SECTION 5. Scope of Practice. – The practice of criminology shall include, but shall not be limited to, acts or activities performed:

- (a) In line with the practice of profession or occupation as a law enforcement administrator, executive, adviser, consultant, officer, investigator, agent or employee in any private or government agencies performing law enforcement and quasi-police functions at the Philippine National Police (PNP), the National



Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), the Provincial Jail, the Bureau of Corrections (BUCOR), the Probation and Parole Administration (PPA), the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the Bureau of Customs (BoC), the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), other government and private banks, the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC), the Sea and Air Marshalls, the VIP Security, Airport and Seaport Police, the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP), and agencies of the government exercising similarly related functions in the field of national security, public safety, and peace and order;

- (b) In line with the practice of teaching profession such as those performed by a professor, instructor or teacher in any university, college or school duly recognized by the government on any of the following professional and component subjects of the criminology program: (1) Criminal Jurisprudence and Procedure; (2) Criminalistics; (3) Law Enforcement Administration; (4) Crime Detection and Investigation; (5) Correctional Administration; and (6) Criminal Sociology and Ethics, and other technical and specialized subjects in the criminology curriculum provided by the CHED;
- (c) As a technician, examiner/criminalist, or specialist in dactyloscopy, questioned document, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), lie detection, firearms identification, forensic photography, forensic chemistry, other scientific crime detection and investigation or forensic science;
- (d) As a correctional administrator, executive, supervisor, or officer in any rehabilitation, correctional, and penal institution or facility, and in any community-based corrections, and rehabilitation agencies and/or programs;
- (e) As a counselor, consultant, adviser or researcher in any government or private agency on any aspect of criminological research or project involving the causes of crime, children in conflict with the law, treatment and correction of persons deprived of liberty (PDL), police operation, law enforcement administration, scientific criminal investigation or public safety and national security administration; and
- (f) As a private investigator, administrator, consultant or agent, or detective in any private security and investigation agency organized under the laws of the Philippines.

The Board, in consultation with the AIPO and the academe, subject to the approval of the Commission, may revise, exclude from or add to the above enumerated acts or activities as the need arises to conform with the latest trends in the practice of criminology in the country.

The Board shall coordinate with government agencies involve in the national security, public safety, peace and order, and criminal justice to evaluate and identify which positions in those agencies involve the practice of criminology profession as identified in the PDF or job description.



RULE II

PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS

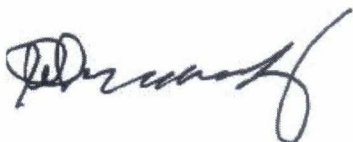
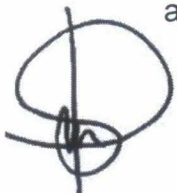
SECTION 6. *Creation and Composition of the Professional Regulatory Board for Criminologists.* – There is hereby created a Professional Regulatory Board for Criminologists, a collegial body under the administrative supervision and control of the Commission, to be composed of a chairperson and four (4) members appointed by the President of the Philippines from a list of three (3) recommendees for each position, chosen and ranked by the Commission from a list of three (3) nominees for every position endorsed by the AIPO. The new Board shall be organized not later than six (6) months from the effectivity of RA No. 11131.

SECTION 7. *Qualification of the Chairperson and Members of the Board.* – The chairperson and each member shall, at the time of their appointment, possess all these qualifications:

- (a) Must be a natural-born Filipino citizen and a resident of the Philippines;
- (b) Must be of good moral character, good reputation and of sound mind and body;
- (c) Not convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any offense involving moral turpitude;
- (d) Must be a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Criminology, and a holder of a Post-Graduate Degree in Criminology from any reputable school recognized by the CHED or a criminologist-lawyer in good standing before the Supreme Court and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP);
- (e) Must be a registered criminologist with a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card, having at least ten (10) years of practice in the profession prior to the appointment including no less than two (2) years teaching experience of criminology or law subjects in full-time or part-time capacity in any college of criminology, college of law or law enforcement training institutions recognized by relevant government agency;
- (f) Must be a member in good standing of the AIPO but not an officer or trustee thereof; and
- (g) Must not be a member of the faculty of any school, college or university where a regular class or review course in criminology is offered, nor a member of the staff of reviewers in a review school or center for criminologists, and must not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any such institution.

SECTION 8. *Term of Office.* – The chairperson and members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three (3) years from the date of appointment or until their successors shall have been qualified and appointed. They may be reappointed to the same office for another term of three (3) years immediately after the expiry of their term: *Provided*, That the holding of such position shall not be more than two (2) terms nor more than six (6) years, whichever is longer: *Provided, further*, That the first Board under this Act shall hold these terms of office: the chairperson for three (3) years, the first two (2) members for two (2) years, and the second (2) members for one (1) year: *Provided, finally*, That any appointee to a vacancy with an unexpired period shall only serve such period. The chairperson and the members shall duly take their oath of office.

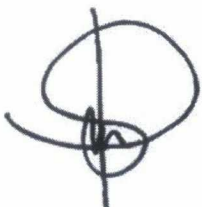
The appointees to the Board shall be equitably distributed from the academe, practice, and legal profession.



SECTION 9. Compensation, Allowances and Other Benefits. – The chairperson and members of the Board shall receive compensation, allowances and other benefits comparable to those being received by the chairpersons and members of other Professional Regulatory Boards under the Commission as provided for under Section 10 of RA No. 8981 and other existing laws.

SECTION 10. Powers, Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the Board. – The Board shall exercise executive, administrative, rule-making and quasi-judicial powers in carrying out the provision of this Act. It shall be vested with the following specific powers, functions, duties and responsibilities;

- (a) To administer, supervise, and monitor the conduct of the licensure examination, registration, membership in the AIPO and the practice of criminology in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 11131 and this IRR;
- (b) To receive complaints and decide the matter as to the malpractices and unethical conduct in the practice of the criminology profession;
- (c) To promulgate and issue rules and regulations implementing the provisions of RA No. 11131;
- (d) To promulgate and adopt Code of Ethics and Code of Good Governance for the practice of criminology;
- (e) To adopt an official seal of the Board;
- (f) To prescribe and promulgate guidelines on the conduct of a CPD program for criminologists, in consultation with the AIPO and the academe;
- (g) To promulgate, adopt or amend the syllabi and tables of specification of the subjects for the licensure examination/s in consultation with the AIPO, the academe, and the CHED Technical Panel for Criminology, prepare questions for the licensure examination which shall strictly be within the scope of the syllabi of the subjects for examination, as well as administer and correct, and release the results of the licensure examinations;
- (h) To issue, suspend, revoke or reinstate the certificate of registration of the registered criminologist or cancel temporary/special permit granted to foreign criminologist;
- (i) To administer oaths in the performance of its functions such as, but not limited to the oath of a professional to successful examinees in licensure examination for criminologists, together with the AIPO, in an appropriate mass oath-taking ceremony to be held for the purpose;
- (j) To monitor the conditions affecting the practice of criminology and whenever necessary, adopt such measure as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of the profession and the maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards; for this purpose, the members of the Board, duly authorized by the Commission, may conduct ocular inspection of establishments where criminology is practiced, and recommend sanction as it may deem proper to the appropriate government agency concerned;
- (k) To monitor all colleges and universities offering criminology program and recommend sanctions to the CHED or to other authorized government offices, for non-compliance with the policies, standards, and requirements as to faculty



qualifications, laboratory, library, facilities and equipment, research outputs, curriculum and administration of the criminology education;

- (l) To hear and investigate cases on violations of RA No. 11131, this IRR, the Code of Ethics, the Code of Good Governance and other policies, and for this purpose, to issue summons, *subpoena ad testificandum* and *subpoena duces tecum* to alleged violators and/or witnesses to compel their attendance in such hearing or investigation and the production of documents in connection therewith;
- (m) To delegate to the Commission the hearing or investigation of cases against the alleged violators: *Provided*, That the hearing or investigation of cases wherein the issue or question involved strictly concerns the technical practice of criminology shall be presided over by at least one (1) member of the Board assisted by a Legal or Hearing Officer of the Commission;
- (n) To recommend to the Commission the endorsement of cases involving criminal violations of RA No. 11131, this IRR, or other laws to the Prosecution Office or appropriate government agency, for investigation and appropriate action;
- (o) To disqualify applicants for the licensure examination who has been previously convicted of a crime with finality involving moral turpitude. Hear and decide administrative cases against the examinees or registered criminologists if they have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude; *Provided*, That if they are found guilty, the Board shall cancel their examination papers and/or preclude them from taking another licensure examination, or to revoke/suspend their certificates of registration and cause the surrender of their professional identification card subject to the rules and regulations of the PRC: *Provided, further*, That the decision of the Board shall, unless appealed to the Commission, become final and executory after fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice of judgment or decision;
- (p) To conduct, through the Legal or Hearing Officers, summary proceedings against the examinees who commit violations of RA No. 11131, its IRR, any of the Codes aforementioned, including violation of the General Instructions to Examinees, and to render summary judgment thereon which shall, unless appealed to the Commission, become final and executory after fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice of judgment or decision;
- (q) To prepare an annual report of accomplishments on programs, projects and activities of the Board for submission to the Commission after the close of each calendar years and make appropriate recommendations to the Commission on issues or problems affecting the criminology profession; and
- (r) To exercise such other powers as may be provided by law as well as those which may be implied from, or which are incidental or necessary to the effective carrying out of the express powers granted to the Board to achieve the objectives and purposes of RA No. 11131. The resolutions, rules and regulations and other policies issued and promulgated by the Board shall be subject for review and approval by the Commission.

SECTION 11. Grounds for Removal or Suspension of Board Chairperson/Member.

– The President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Commission, after due process and administrative investigation conducted by the Commission, may remove or suspend the chairperson or member of the Board on any of the following grounds:

- (a) Gross neglect, incompetence or dishonesty in the discharge of one's duty;



- (b) Commission of any of the causes/grounds and the prohibited acts provided in RA No. 11131 and the offenses in the Revised Penal Code, the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, and other laws;
- (c) Manipulation or rigging of the results in the licensure examination for criminologists, disclosure of secret and confidential information on the examination questions prior to the conduct thereof, or tampering of grades; and
- (d) Conviction with final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude.

The Commission, in the conduct of the investigation, shall be guided by Section 7(s) of RA No. 8981, the rules on administrative investigation, and the applicable provisions of the New Rules of Court.

SECTION 12. *Administrative Supervision of the Board; Provision of Support Services.* – The Board shall be under the administrative supervision of the Commission. The Commission shall keep all records of the Board including application for examination, examination papers and results, minutes of deliberation and administrative cases, the Commission shall designate the Secretary of the Board and shall provide the other support services to the Board in order to implement the provisions of RA No. 11131.

The Board shall have its regular meeting on any day of the 1st week of each month. The Board may have its special meeting as may be called for by the chairperson or by the majority members of the Board. The Chairperson shall preside in any meeting of the Board. In the absence of the Chairperson, the most senior member of the Board may preside the meeting. The Board shall decide by majority vote on a concern within the competence of the Board.

The quorum in any meeting of the Board shall be the presence of the simple majority of the actual membership of the Board.

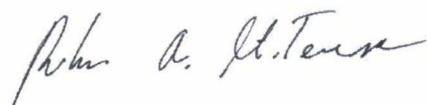
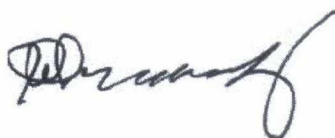
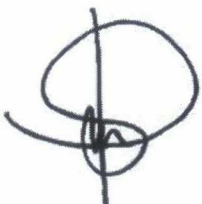
RULE III

EXAMINATION, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

SECTION 13. *Passing of Licensure Examination Requirements.* - Except as otherwise specifically allowed under RA No. 11131, applicants for registration for the practice of criminology shall be required to pass a licensure examination in such places and dates as the Commission may designate through a Resolution on the Master Schedules for all Licensure Examinations in accordance with Section 7(d) of RA No. 8981.

SECTION 14. *Qualification of an Applicant for the Licensure Examination.* – An applicant for the licensure examination for criminologist shall satisfactorily prove that one possesses the following qualifications:

- (a) Must be a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines or a foreign citizen whose country/state has reciprocity with the Philippines in the practice of criminology;
- (b) Must be of good moral character, good reputation and of sound mind and body certified by the school where he/she graduated and the barangay where he/she lives, unless the examinee is a foreign national a certification from any professional criminologist of good standing will do;



- (c) Must hold a bachelor's degree in criminology duly accredited by the CHED and conferred by a school/college/university duly authorized by the government or its equivalent programs as approved by the PRB obtained by either a Filipino or foreign citizen from an institution of learning in a foreign country/state: *Provided, That it is duly recognized and/or accredited by the CHED;*
- (d) Must not have been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude by a court of competent jurisdiction; and
- (e) Those who failed five (5) times whether consecutive or cumulative in the criminologist licensure examination, must present a certification issued by a reputable institution duly recognized by the CHED that such applicant has satisfactorily completed a refresher course in criminology.

In support of the application for the Criminologist Licensure Examination, the applicant shall submit the following documentary requirements:

- (a) Certificate of Live Birth in Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Security Paper;
- (b) Marriage Contract in PSA Security Paper for married female applicants;
- (c) College Diploma issued by PHEI with indication therein of the date of graduation and Special Order Number, unless it is not required. In case of degree equivalency, the college diploma and the certificate of equivalency issued by CHED.
- (d) Baccalaureate Transcript of Records (TOR) with indication therein of the date of graduation and Special Order (SO) Number, unless it is not required;
- (e) CHED Certification, Authentication and Verification (CAV);
- (f) National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Clearance;
- (g) Regional Trial Court Clearance;
- (h) Certificate of Good Moral Character issued by the school Dean of the Criminology Program with the corresponding dry seal of the college, and the barangay where the applicant actually resides;
- (i) Other documents that the Board may reasonably require.

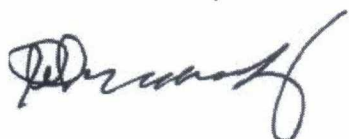
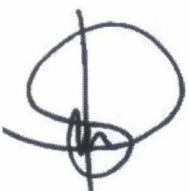
Subject to Section 29 on Foreign Reciprocity, foreign nationals applying to take the Criminologist Licensure Examination shall submit the following documentary requirements:

- (a) Duly authenticated college diploma and transcript of records issued by foreign HEI.
- (b) Certificate of Equivalency from the CHED (if he/she graduated from a foreign university/school)
- (c) Certification of good standing from any professional criminologist;

SECTION 15. Subjects for Licensure Examination. – The licensure examination for criminologists shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

Subjects Relative Weights

- (a) Criminal Jurisprudence and Procedure:



Criminal Law (Book 1); Criminal Law (Book II);
 Related Special Penal Laws;
 Criminal Procedure;
 Evidence;
 Court Testimony ----- 20%

(b) Law Enforcement Administration:

Police Organization and Administration, Police Planning;
 Police Patrol Operations, Police Communication System;
 Police Intelligence;
 Police Personnel and Records Management;
 Comparative Police Systems;
 Industry Security Management ----- 20%

(c) Crime Detection and Investigation:

Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation;
 Special Crime, Organized Crime Investigation;
 Fire Technology and Arson Investigation;
 Traffic Management and Accident Investigation;
 Drug Education and Investigation;
 Vice Control ----- 15%

(d) Criminalistics:

Forensic Photography; Personal Identification;
 Forensic Medicine; Polygraphy; Examination;
 Forensic Ballistics;
 Questioned Documents ----- 20%

(e) Correctional Administration:

Institutional Corrections;
 Non-Institutional Corrections ----- 10%

(f) Criminal Sociology:

Introduction to Criminology and Psychology Crimes;
 Philippine Criminal Justice System;
 Ethics and Values;
 Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Prevention;
 Human Behavior and Crisis Management;
 Criminological research and Statistics ----- 15%

The Board, in consultation with the AIPO and the academe, and subject to the approval of the Commission, may revise or exclude any of the subjects with their corresponding ratings and their syllabi, and add new ones as the need arises to conform with technological changes brought about by developing trends in the profession.

However, the Board may change or revise any of the above subjects in the event that the CHED shall correspondingly change the curriculum prescribed for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology. In the conduct of the examination, the Board, in its discretion, may give practical and field examinations in each subject, as it may deem fit.



SECTION 16. *Persons to Teach Subjects for Licensure Examination in all HEIs* – All subjects for the Licensure Examinations in all HEIs shall be taught by a registered Criminologists who is a holder of a valid COR and updated PIC for criminologists, AIPO membership and CPD required units earned and meet other CHED requirements.

Professionals from allied fields of criminology may be allowed to teach subjects for licensure examination as may be deemed proper by the Board. In such case, the concerned professional and the HEI shall secure from the Board the authority or permit to teach.

SECTION 17. *Rating in the Licensure Examination.* – To pass the licensure examination for criminologist, a candidate must obtain a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent (75%) with no grade less than sixty percent (60%) in any given subject. In case the examinee obtains a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent (75%) but, has a grade below sixty percent (60%) in any of the subjects, the results of the examination shall be deferred, and the examinee shall be required to retake that particular subject/s. The deferred examinee shall only be allowed to retake once within two (2) years from the date of the examination and shall be required to obtain a grade not lower than eighty percent (80%) on the subject/s to be considered to have passed the licensure examination. If the examinee failed to retake after the lapse of two (2) years or failed to get the passing mark of eighty percent (80%), the examinee shall retake all the board subjects.

Any examinee who failed three (3) or more board subjects shall be deemed to have failed the board examination.

This Section shall take effect beginning the second examination to be held in the year 2022 which will coincide with the first graduates of CHED Memorandum Order No. 5, series of 2018, the revised Criminology curriculum.

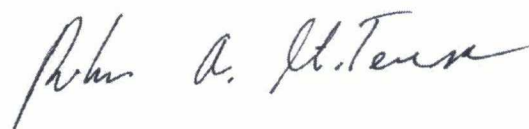
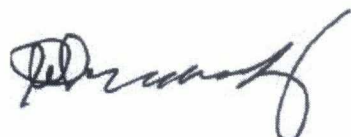
SECTION 18. *Report of Rating.* – The Board shall submit to the Commission the ratings obtained by the candidates not later than ten (10) days after the last day of the examination, unless the period is extended for a valid cause.

SECTION 19. *Oath.* – All successful candidates of the licensure examination shall take their oath of profession in person before the Board or any of its members, and with the AIPO in a mass oath-taking ceremony, held for such purpose. Any person authorized by law may administer oath to any successful examinee only upon approval and due delegation by the Board and only upon presenting of membership and taking of the oath from the AIPO prior to entering the practice of the profession.

Requests for individual special oath taking shall be through a formal petition or request for the approval of the Board stating thereto reasonable cause why the successful examinee was not able to participate in the joint mass oath taking held for the purpose pursuant to Section 10, par (i) of RA 11131.

SECTION 20. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration (COR) and Professional Identification Card (PIC).* – A COR shall be issued to those who shall register, subject to payment of fees prescribed by the Commission. It shall bear the signatures of the chairperson and the commissioners of the Commission and the chairperson and members of the Board, stamped with the official seals of the Commission and of the Board, certifying that the person named therein is entitled to practice the criminology profession with all the privileges appurtenant thereto. It shall remain in full force and effect until withdrawn, suspended or revoked in accordance with RA No. 11131.

A PIC bearing the full name, signature of the professional, registration no., dates of issuance and expiry, duly signed by the Commission Chairperson shall be issued to every



registrant who has paid the prescribed fees. It shall be re-issued after every three (3) years upon payment of the prescribed fees, compliance with the prescribed CPD units, and certification by the AIPO as active member.

SECTION 21. *Refusal to Issue Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification Card or Temporary/Special Permit.* – The Board shall not register any successful applicant for registration who has been:

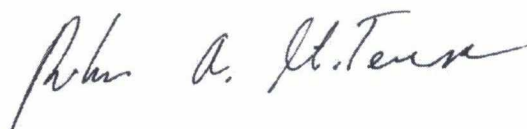
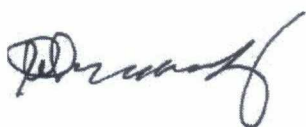
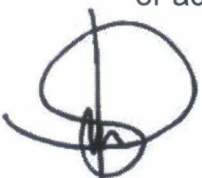
- (a) Convicted with finality of a crime involving moral turpitude by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (b) Found guilty of immoral or dishonorable conduct by the Board;
- (c) Summarily adjudged guilty for violation of the General Instruction to Examinees by the Board; and
- (d) Declared of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction.

In refusing such registration, the Board shall give the applicant a written statement setting forth the reasons thereof and shall file a copy in its records.

SECTION 22. *Revocation or suspension of the Certificate of Registration and Cancellation of Temporary/Special Permit.* – The Board shall have the power, upon notice and hearing, to revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of a registered criminologist or to cancel a temporary/special permit granted to foreign criminologist for the following causes/grounds:

- (a) Violation of any provision of RA No. 11131, this IRR, the Code of Ethics, the Code of Good Governance, or policy of the Board and/or the Commission;
- (b) Conviction of a crime with finality involving moral turpitude;
- (c) Perpetration or use of fraud in obtaining one's certificate of registration, professional identification card or temporary/special permit;
- (d) Gross incompetence, negligence, ignorance resulting to death or injury of a person, or damage to property;
- (e) Nonrenewal of the professional identification card for six (6) years or for two (2) consecutive renewal period with the PRC without justifiable cause;
- (f) Aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a non-registered criminologist by allowing the use of one's certificates of registration and/or professional identification card or temporary/special permit;
- (g) Practicing the profession during the suspension from the practice;
- (h) Addiction to drugs or alcohol impairing one's ability to practice the profession or a declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction that the registrant is of unsound mind; and
- (i) Noncompliance with the CPD and AIPO reasonable requirements as approved by the Board, unless one is exempted therefrom, for the renewal of the professional identification card.

The Board shall periodically evaluate the aforementioned grounds and revise or exclude or add new ones as need arises, subject to the approval of the Commission.



Any person, firm or association may file charge/s in accordance with the provision of this section against any registrant, and the Board may investigate the commission of any of the abovementioned causes. Affidavit-complaint shall be filed together with the affidavits of witnesses and other documentary evidence with the Board through the Legal and Investigation Office. The conduct of an investigation *motu proprio* shall be embodied in a formal charge to be signed by at least majority of the members of the Board. The rules on administrative investigation issued by the Commission shall govern the hearing or investigation, subject to applicable provisions of RA No. 11131, RA No. 8981 and the Rules of Court.

The Board, pursuant to applicable issuances of the Civil Service Commission, shall inform the Civil Service Commission and/or the concerned government agency or instrumentality, and the AIPO, should there be a registered criminologist whose license had been revoked or suspended.

SECTION 23. Reissuance of Revoked Certificate of Registration, Replacement of Lost or Damaged Certificate of Registration, Professional Identification Card or Temporary/Special Permit. – The Board may, upon a verified petition, reinstate or reissue a revoked certificate of registration after two (2) years from the effectivity of the period for revocation, which is the date of surrender of the certificate and/or the professional identification card, if still valid to the Board and/or the Commission. The petitioner shall prove to the Board that one has valid reason/s to practice anew the profession. In the granting of the petition, the Board shall issue a Board resolution, subject to approval by the Commission.

A certificate of registration, professional identification card or temporary/special permit that has been declared lost may be reissued in accordance with the rules thereon and upon payment of prescribed fees.

SECTION 24. Non-payment of PIC Annual/Renewal Fees. – The Board shall suspend a registered criminologist from the practice of the profession whether in government service or have used the license as eligibility equivalent for promotion in government service or in private sector for nonpayment of PIC renewal for two (2) consecutive renewal periods. Other surcharges shall be determined and charged by the Commission.

SECTION 25. Renewal of Professional Identification Card. – The professional identification card shall be renewed only upon the completion of the prescribed minimum units of the CPD program by the registered professional from the AIPO as a CPD Provider or from any accredited provider as duly authorized by the Commission.

SECTION 26. Vested Rights; Automatic Registration. – All criminologists registered at the effectivity of RA No. 11131 shall automatically be registered thereunder, subject to the provisions therein set forth as to future requirements. CORs and PICs or temporary/special permits held by such persons in good standing at such effectivity date shall have the same force and effect as though they were issued on or after the said effectivity.

RULE IV

PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY

SECTION 27. Lawful Practitioners of Criminology. – The following persons shall be authorized to practice the criminology profession:

- (a) Natural persons;



- (1) Duly registered criminologists and holders of valid certificates of registration and valid professional identification cards issued by the Board and the Commission pursuant to RA No. 11131.

(b) Juridical persons;

- (1) Single proprietorship whose owner and technical staff are registered criminologists;
- (2) Partnership duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as professional partnership pursuant to the Civil Code and composed of partners majority of whom are registered criminologists;
- (3) Corporation duly registered with the SEC as engaged in the practice of criminology and with officers and Board of Directors whom are all registered criminologists; and
- (4) Association and cooperative duly registered with the appropriate government agency as a non-stock corporation where majority of the officers, Board of Trustees and members are registered criminologists.

These juridical persons shall also be registered with the Board and the Commission in accordance with the rules and regulations thereon. The Board shall issue a separate guideline to implement this provision.

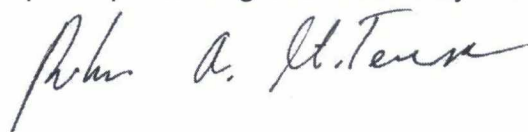
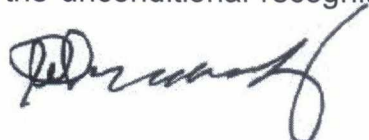
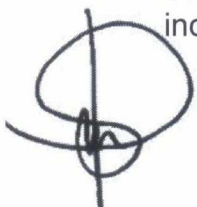
SECTION 28. Seal, Issuance and Use of Seal. – There shall be a seal to be exclusively and legitimately used by the practitioners of the criminology profession which shall be distributed by the Board through the AIPO.

The Board shall also design a badge or a pin with the image of the seal in it and which shall be used by criminologists to manifest his/her authority while practicing the criminology profession.

The Board shall issue the specific guidelines for this purpose.

SECTION 29. Foreign Reciprocity. – No foreigner shall be allowed to take the licensure examination for criminologists, register, receive one's certificate of registration and professional identification card, and practice criminology in the Philippine unless the requirements for the licensure examination and/or registration and practice of criminology imposed under the laws and regulations in the foreign country/state are substantially the same as those required and contemplated by the Philippine laws and regulations, and unless the foreign laws and regulation allow Philippine citizens to practice criminology within the territory of the foreign country/state on the same basis and grant the same privileges as those enjoyed by the citizens, subjects or nationals thereof.

A foreign national, whether or not he/she studied in the Philippines, who desires to take the Criminologists Licensure Examination, through reciprocity, shall initiate the establishment of reciprocity between his/her country or state and the Philippines by submitting a letter or any document signed by and under the official seal of the appropriate official of his/her country or state requesting the chairperson of the Board to allow the foreign applicant to take the licensure examination; and that by express provision of the law of his/her country or state or international treaty, agreement or covenant to which his/her country or state and the Philippines are signatories, Filipino citizens are allowed to take the Criminologists Licensure Examination and to register as such in said foreign country or state on terms of strict and absolute equality with its own citizens or subjects, including the unconditional recognition of prerequisite degrees issued by institutions of



higher learning duly recognized or established by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, attaching/appending thereto an authenticated copy of said law, treaty, agreement or covenant officially translated in the English language, if applicable.

If the letter/document and the copy of the law or treaty, agreement or covenant submitted by the applicant is satisfactory to the Board, the foreign applicant shall be allowed to take the Criminologists Licensure Examination by requiring him/her to file an application to take the licensure examination and by submitting the following documents that shall accompany the application:

- (a) Original or certified true copy of any official document issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BI) allowing the applicant to enter and reside in the Philippines;
- (b) Copy of passport for examination and for photocopying of pertinent information about the applicant;
- (c) Original or certified true copy of the transcript of records or equivalent document of the course for licensure examination issued by an institution of higher learning in case he/she studied outside the Philippines, and which must be duly authorized or accredited by the country or state which issued such document: *Provided*, that the documents must also be certified by CHED to be equivalent to the degree in Criminology accredited/recognized in the Philippines; and
- (d) Other documents which may be required to be submitted by the Board.

SECTION 30. Practice Through Temporary/Special Permit. – Temporary/Special permit may be issued by the Board subject to the approval by the Commission and payment of fees the latter has prescribed and charged thereof to the following:

- (a) Registered criminologists from foreign countries/states whose services are rendered either for free or for a fee:
 - (1) If they are internationally known criminologists or experts in any branch, specialty or allied field of criminology; and
 - (2) If their services are urgently and importantly required for lack or inadequacy of available local specialists or experts; or for the promotion or advancement of the practice of criminology through transfer of technology;
- (b) Registered criminologists from foreign countries/states whose services shall be free and limited to indigent clients or for research purposes; and
- (c) Registered criminologists from foreign countries/states employed as exchange professors in a branch, specialty or allied field of criminology, in schools, colleges or universities offering the course of criminology.
- (d) Filipino professionals in allied disciplines who intend to teach in PHEI offering criminology program and in review centers for criminology licensure examination subject to the conditions as stated in section 16 of this IRR.

The permit shall, among other things, contain the following limitations and conditions: (1) its validity must be for a period coterminous with the contract or engagement but not exceeding one (1) year subject to renewal; (2) the branch or specialty of criminology; and (3) specific place of practice such as national security, public safety, law enforcement agencies, center, school, college or university offering the program or review of



criminology. The Board, subject to the approval of the Commission, shall promulgate rules and regulations on the implementation of this particular section.

SECTION 31. Indication of Numbers: Certificate of Registration, Professional Tax Receipt and AIPO Membership. – The practitioner of the criminology profession shall be required to indicate the certificate of registration number and date of issuance, the expiry of the current professional identification card, the professional tax receipt number and date, and the AIPO membership number and date with official receipt number and date of membership payment (annual/lifetime) on the documents one signs, uses or issues in connection with the practice of profession.

SECTION 32. Roster of Registered Criminologists. – The Board shall prepare and maintain a roster showing the names, registration numbers, residence and/or office address of all registered criminologists, which shall be updated annually in cooperation with the AIPO, indicating therein the status of the COR, PIC and AIPO membership. The roster shall be made available to any party as may be deemed necessary subject only to the limitations as maybe imposed by law.

SECTION 33. Integration of Registered Criminologists. - The registered criminologists shall be integrated into one (1) national organization of criminologists that is duly registered with the SEC. The Board, subject to the approval by the Commission, shall accredit the organization as the one and only integrated and accredited national organization of criminologists: *Provided*, that its continued accreditation is subject to compliance with the periodic requirements and standards set forth by the Commission.

All criminologists whose names appear in the registry Book of Criminologists shall *ipso facto* or automatically become members thereof and shall receive therefrom, all the benefits and privileges upon payment of AIPO membership fees and dues.

Membership in an affiliate organization of criminologists shall not be barred. For this purpose, the board shall issue the guidelines for accreditation of affiliate organizations or societies of professional criminologists.

RULE V PRIVILEGES OF REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS

SECTION 34. Privileges of Registered Criminologists. – All registered criminologists shall be exempt from taking any other entrance or qualifying government or civil service examination and shall be considered civil service eligible to the following government positions, among other: (1) Dactylographer; (2) Ballistician; (3) Questioned Document Examiner; (4) Forensic Photographer; (5) Polygraph Examiner; (6) Probation Officer I to Chief PPROBATION Officer; (7) Assistant Parole Officer; (8) Special Investigator; (9) Special Agent; (10) Investigative Agent; (11) Intelligence Agent; (12) Law Enforcement Evaluation Officer; (13) National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) Inspector; (14) Traffic Operation Officer; (15) Associate Graft Investigation Officer; (16) Special Police Officer; (17) Safekeeping Officer; (18) Sheriff; (19) Government Security Officer; (20) Criminal Investigator; (21) Warden; (22) Reformation Officer; (23) Firefighter or Fire Officer One; (24) Fire Marshall; (25) Jail Officer One, Corrections Officer and Corrections Technical Officer One up to the rank of-Superintendent or its equivalent; (26) Police Officer up to the rank of Police Superintendent or its equivalent in other law enforcement, national security and public safety agencies, and criminal justice administration.

SECTION 35. Preference of Appointment in Government Criminal Justice and Other Government Institutions. – Registered criminologists shall enjoy priority appointment and shall not be required to take any qualifying or entrance examination in the PNP, the NBI, the BJMP, BuCOR, the BFP, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and other



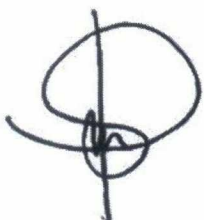
government positions related to criminology, police and law enforcement work, investigation and security, corrections and public safety of the following bureaus, departments, institutions or agencies of the government: the Department of Justice (DOJ); the Commission on Human Rights (CHR); the Office of the Ombudsman; the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA); the Commission on Elections (COMELEC); the Bureau of Treasury (BoT); the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR); the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); the Department of Tourism (DOT); the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP); the Bureau of Immigration (BI); the BoC; the Department of Transportation (DoTR); the Air Transportation Office (ATO); the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP); the BSP; the BIR; the CHED; the City/Municipal Security Office; the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA); the Supreme Court and lower courts; the Security Consultation; the Social Security System; the NAPOLCOM; the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM); the Optical Media Board; the Intellectual Property Rights Office; the PDEA; the Public Attorney's Office (PAO); the PPC; government-owned and controlled corporations, agencies involved in national security and public safety, and criminal justice administration with positions involving the practice of criminology.

SECTION 36. Lateral Entry of Registered Criminologists. – Registered criminologists who are not in the government service shall be eligible and given preference for appointment via lateral entry as Police, Fire, and Jail Inspectors or its equivalent in the PDEA, NBI, and other law enforcement agencies: *Provided*, That they possess the general qualifications for appointment as provided in the existing laws on appointment of personnel in the PNP, BJMP, BFP, PDEA, NBI and other agencies: *Provided, further*, That those who are already in the police, fire, jail, and other government agencies involve in national security, public safety, and criminal justice administration as non-commissioned officers and who are already registered and licensed criminologists shall be given preference for lateral entry.

SECTION 37. Penal Clause. – A fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) nor more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00), or imprisonment for not less than two (2) years and one (1) day or more than six (6) years, or both, at the discretion of the court shall be imposed upon any person who shall commit any of the following acts:

- (a) Practicing criminology as stated in Section 5 of RA 11131 without valid COR and a valid PIC or a valid temporary/special permit;
- (b) Attempting to use the seal, COR and PIC of a registered criminologist or temporary/special permit issued to a foreign criminologist;
- (c) Abetting the illegal practice of criminology by an unregistered or unauthorized person;
- (d) Securing through false information or fraudulent means certificate of registration and professional identification card or temporary/special permit;
- (e) Impersonating a registered criminologist or a holder of a temporary/special permit; and
- (f) Violating any provision of RA No. 11131 or this IRR.

Where the violator is a juridical person, the Board of Directors and other responsible officers of the corporation shall be held liable.



SECTION 38. Enforcement. – In carrying out the provisions of RA No. 11131, the Board shall be assisted by the Commission, the AIPO, duly constituted government agencies and authorities and private organizations in the industry.

SECTION 39. Appropriations. – The Chairperson of the PRC shall immediately include in the Commission's programs the implementation of RA No. 11131, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 40. Transitory Provision. – The incumbent Board shall, in an interim capacity, continue to operate or function by carrying out the provisions of this Act without need of new appointments of the Chairperson and members thereof until the first Board created under RA No. 11131 shall have been constituted or organized pursuant thereto.

SECTION 41. Separability Clause. – If any provision, section or part of this IRR shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgement shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other provisions, sections or parts hereof.

SECTION 42. Repealing Clause. – Republic Act No. 6506, otherwise known as "An Act Creating the Board Examiners for Criminologists in the Philippines and for Other Purposes", is hereby repealed. All other laws, Republic Acts, decrees, orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulation or other issuances, and parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of RA No. 11131 and this IRR are likewise repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 43. Effectivity Clause. – This IRR shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Let copies hereof be furnished the U. P. Law Center, the AIPO of Criminologists and other relevant government offices/associations for information.

Promulgated in the City of Manila this 25th day of September 2020.


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