



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF CRIMINOLOGY

RESOLUTION NO. 05

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**GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF REFRESHER COURSE
AS A REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 14, RULE II
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11131 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND
REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, Sections 10 (a) and (c) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11131 otherwise known as the Philippine Criminology Profession Act of 2018 and Resolution No. 02, (s. 2020) or its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) provide that the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology (Board) shall exercise executive, administrative, rule-making and quasi-judicial powers; to administer, supervise, and monitor the conduct of the licensure examination, registration; and to promulgate and issue rules and regulations implementing the provisions of R.A. No. 11131;

WHEREAS, Section 14 (e) of R.A. No. 11131 and its IRR state that those who failed the Licensure Examination for Criminologists (LEC) five (5) times, whether consecutive or cumulative, must present a certification issued by a reputable institution duly recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) that such applicant has satisfactorily completed a refresher course in criminology as a requirement for the application to retake the LEC;

WHEREAS, the revised Program Standards and Guidelines (PSG) for Criminology Program per CMO No. 05, (s. 2018) which repealed CMO No. 21, (s. 2005), was already implemented during the 1st semester of Academic Year 2018-2019;

WHEREAS, there is significant difference between CMO No. 21 and CMO No. 05 wherein the latter pursued a paradigm shift towards Outcomes-Based Education with the introduction of new courses that are learner-centered and program outcomes;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of R.A. No. 11131 and Section 17 of its IRR set the passing standard whereby to pass the LEC, an examinee must obtain a weighted average rating of at least seventy-five percent (75%) with no grade of less than sixty percent (60%) in any of the six (6) LEC subject areas;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the IRR further states that the new passing standard scheme shall be implemented in 2022 specifically covering those examinees for the second batch of the LEC scheduled for that year coinciding with the pioneer graduates under CMO No. 05 (s. 2018) who would be taking the examination for the first time;

WHEREAS, the data from the Commission reveals that the average national passing percentage performance of repeaters in the LEC for the last five (5) years was merely twelve percent (12%), a sad reality that needs stringent measure to address such phenomenon and to raise the quality and standard of criminology profession;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there is a need to issue guidelines that will implement the provisions of Section 14 (e) of RA 11131 and Section 14 (e) of its IRR in relation to CMO No. 05 (s. 2018), governing the LEC in the second part of CY 2022 particularly in the implementation of the new rating system and the required refresher course:

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered and after public consultation conducted, the Board **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to adopt and endorse for the approval of the Commission the herein guidelines on the conduct of refresher course as a requirement under Section 14 of R.A. No. 11131 and its IRR, as follows:

RULE I.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. For purposes of this Guidelines, the following are the specific terms and their definitions:

- (a) **applicant** refers to those who are applying to take the Licensure Examination for Criminologists (LEC);
- (b) **Board** refers to the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology created pursuant to Section 6, Article II, R.A. No. 11131;
- (c) **certificate of completion of refresher course** refers to the Certificate issued by CHED - authorized higher educational institutions (HEIs) and whose refresher course in criminology is duly accredited by the Board;
- (d) **CHED** refers to the Commission on Higher Education;
- (e) **component subjects** refers to the courses under the six (6) main areas or divisions of professional courses as provided by CMO No. 5 (s. 2018) issued by CHED;
- (f) **Commission** refers to the Professional Regulation Commission;
- (g) **dean/program head of criminology** refers to a registered criminologist who is appointed in such capacity in an HEI responsible for the administration and operation of the criminology undergraduate program;
- (h) **HEIs** refers to Higher Education Institutions duly recognized by the CHED and whose refresher course is accredited by the Board;
- (i) **LEC** refers to Licensure Examination for Criminologists being administered by the Board pursuant to Section 10 (a) Rule II of R.A. No. 11131 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- (j) **main subjects** refers to the divisions or areas as provided under the policies and standards for criminology program pursuant to CMO No 5 (s. 2018) issued by CHED;
- (k) **PSG** refers to the policies standards governing the criminology program issued by the CHED;

- (l) **refresher course** refers to a special kind of training meant to refresh and relearn or acquire that body of knowledge or new set of information and be updated with the current trends and development in the practice of criminology profession;
- (m) **remedial course** refers to a bridging program that is meant to align learning capacity with contemporary knowledge and address learning gap brought about by the continuing strides in the criminology program as mandated by the PSG issued by the CHED.
- (n) **TOS** refers to the table of specifications of the subjects for the Licensure Examination for Criminologists;

RULE II.

PERSONS COVERED BY THE MANDATED REFRESHER COURSE

Section 2. The guidelines herein set forth shall cover anyone who has previously failed the LEC five (5) times and shall not be allowed to retake the second LEC CY 2022 unless such applicant has completed the mandatory refresher course from any reputable HEIs offering criminology program duly authorized by CHED and whose refresher course is duly accredited by the Board.

RULE III.

ACCREDITED HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Section 3. Only HEIs whose baccalaureate degree program in criminology is duly recognized by CHED shall be qualified to offer the required refresher course.

Section 4. To be qualified and be accredited to offer the refresher course in criminology, the HEI must:

- (a) Be a CHED-recognized Center of Excellence or Center of Development; or
- (b) Achieve and maintain at least a Level I Accreditation Status from any of the CHED- recognized voluntary accrediting agencies; or
- (c) Have an average of at least 40% national passing rate and with at least forty (40) examinees in the LEC for the last three (3) years.

RULE IV.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF REFRESHER COURSE

Section 5. For authorization to offer a refresher course, the HEIs shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) A Letter of intent addressed to the Board to be signed by the HEI President or his duly authorized representative;
- (b) A certified true copy of the Certificate of Recognition or Certificate of Program Compliance to offer Bachelor of Science in Criminology issued by CHED; and

- (c) A sworn affidavit duly signed by its President or its Registrar stating that their institution meets any of the criteria mentioned in Rule III, Section 4, hereof:

Section 6. The soft copies (in PDF format) of the complete set of requirements shall be sent to the official e-mail address of the Board at prb_criminology@prc.gov.ph. Hard copies shall be delivered or mailed to PRB Secretariat Division, PRC, Room 304, Delegation Building, PICC, Pasay City, Attention: PRB Secretary, Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology.

Section 7. A member of the Board shall be duly designated as Focal Person for the processing of all applications and shall recommend to the Board the approval of such application or return the same to the originating HEIs in case of non-compliance with the requirements within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof. In case of rejection, the portfolio application shall be returned with an attached document clearly stating the reason/s of such rejection.

Section 8. Upon confirmation of the approved applications, the Board shall issue a Certificate of Accreditation (Annex A) with a validity period of five (5) years from the date of issuance and shall accordingly inform the qualified HEI of such approval. The Certificate of Accreditation shall be renewed every five (5) years provided all the requirements set forth in Section 5 hereof are complied with.

Section 9. The Board shall maintain a Roster of Qualified Educational Institutions and shall publish the same every semester in the official website of the PRC.

Rule V.

COVERAGE OF THE REFRESHER COURSE

Section 10. The coverage or scope of refresher course shall consist of the main subjects in the LEC pursuant to Rule III, Section 15 of R.A. No. 11131 and its IRR, and CMO No. 05 (s. 2018) as follow:

- (a) Criminal Law, Procedure and Jurisprudence (CLJ);
- (b) Criminal Detection and Investigation (CDI);
- (c) Forensic Science (FS);
- (d) Law Enforcement and Administration (LEA);
- (e) Criminology (Crim); and
- (f) Correctional Administration (CA)

The minimum program outcomes provided under CMO No. 05 (s. 2018) must also be taken into consideration.

Section 11. The refresher course shall include all component subjects under the main subjects for licensure examination and by taking into consideration the TOS and Syllabi issued by the Board.

Section 12. The number of units required for each main subject shall not be lower than the following which are distributed as follows:

MAIN SUBJECT	LEC. NO. OF UNITS	LAB. NO. OF UNITS	TOTAL NO. OF UNITS	SEMESTER
CLJ (<i>CLJ 1 and CLJ 2</i>)	4		4	1
CDI (<i>CDI 1 and CDI 2</i>)	5		5	1
FS (<i>FS 1 and FS 2</i>)	4	1	5	1
LEA	3		3	1
Criminology (<i>Crim 1 and Crim 2</i>)	5		5	1
CA	3		3	1
	24	1	25	2 Sems.

Section 13. Any applicant enrolled in the refresher course shall be given two (2) years to complete the same.

Section 14. In deference to the academic freedom of the Accredited HEIs they shall be given the discretion as to the scheduling of the Refresher Course provided that the minimum requirements specified in Section 12 of this Guidelines is satisfied.

Section 15. Upon completion of the course, a Certificate of Completion of Refresher Course issued by the HEI through its Registrar and duly attested by the Dean/Program Head for Criminology Program, shall be given to the successful applicant.

Section 16. The Board shall, in their official capacity, include the provisions of this Guidelines in their Inspection and Monitoring functions of HEIs.

RULE VI.

USE OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF REFRESHER COURSE

Section 17. Upon completion of the Refresher Course, the applicant shall be required to submit the Certificate of Completion of Refresher Course to the Commission as one of the requirements for the application to retake the licensure examination.

Section 18. The applicant may use the Certificate of Refresher Course only within two (2) years from the date of completion of the said Refresher Course and its use shall be limited to two (2) successive licensure examinations only.

RULE VII.

REMEDIAL COURSE

Section 19. Beginning the second LEC CY 2022, the LEC shall be administered pursuant to the Program Outcomes, main and component subjects, and the TOS issued by the Board which is aligned to CMO No. 05 (s. 2018).

Section 20. Graduates under CMO No. 21 (s. 2005) who will be taking the scheduled second LEC CY 2022 and onward, whether they have failed in the previous LEC or have not taken the examination, are strongly encouraged to take the Remedial Course or Bridging Program covering the new courses under CMO No. 05 (s. 2018) or any updates or amendments thereto. This is intended to prevent applicants from failing in the LEC due to the Revised CMO, new TOS, and the new Rating System.

Section 21. The Remedial Course shall be taken from any HEIs duly authorized by CHED to offer Criminology Program or HEIs herein accredited to offer the Refresher Course. However, the applicant who takes remedial course shall not be required to submit to the Commission the Certificate of Completion of Refresher Course as a requirement to take the LEC.

Section 22. This Remedial Course shall be applicable only for graduates under CMO No. 21 (s. 2005) or earlier PSGs issued by CHED.

RULE VIII.

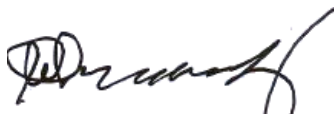
EFFECTIVITY

Section 22. This Guidelines shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication by the Commission.

Done in the City of Manila this 31st day of May 2021.



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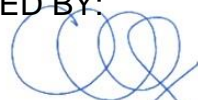
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