

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. <u>1347</u> Series of 2021

POSTPONING THE JUNE 2021 PHYSICAL THERAPISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND RESCHEDULING THEREOF TO DECEMBER 5 & 6, 2021

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of Republic Act No. 8981 or the PRC Modernization Act of 2000 empowers the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory boards in accordance with the rules and regulations it may promulgate; to determine and fix the places and dates of examinations;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1283 (s. 2020) scheduling the licensure examinations for calendar year 2021 wherein the Physical Therapists Licensure Examination (PTLE) and Occupational Therapists Licensure Examination (OTLE) were both scheduled on February 7-8, 2021;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1287 (s. 2020) was issued postponing the February 2021 PTLE and OTLE and reschedule the same to June 5 & 6, 2021;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1256 (s. 2020) categorized the licensure examinations as small, medium and large-scale examinations depending on the number of applicants. In this regard, the PTLE and OTLE are classified as medium-scale licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 1334 (s. 2021), small and medium-scale licensure examinations shall be administered unless the profession's stakeholders, such as Accredited Professional Organization/Accredited Integrated Professional Organization, Academe, and/or Sector, recommend its cancellation or postponement as endorsed by the concerned Professional Regulatory Board;

WHEREAS, in a consultation relative to the conduct of June 2021 PTLE and OTLE on March 29, 2021 with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) offering Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy courses throughout the country, the Professional Regulatory Board of Physical and Occupational Therapists (Board) explained the process of preparing for the PTLE and OTLE;

WHEREAS, having considered the preparation for PTLE and OTLE, the HEIs have agreed on the risk to health and safety of the examinees and examination personnel during the conduct of the PTLE and OTLE, including the Board, especially the senior members;

WHEREAS, in consideration thereof and due to the increase in the Coronavirus Disease 2019 cases and repeated imposition of strict community quarantine in various regions, the Board and Licensure Office deem it proper to recommend the postponement of the June 2021 PTLE and OTLE and reschedule it to December 2021;

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the Commission RESOLVES, as it hereby RESOLVED, to POSTPONE the conduct of the June 2021 Physical Therapists Licensure Examination and Occupational Therapists Licensure Examination and to RESCHEDULE both examinations to December 5 & 6, 2021.

Let a copy of this Resolution be posted at the PRC Official website for information.

Done in the City of Manila this <u>**16th**</u> day of April 2021.

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TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR. Chairman



JOSE Y. CUETO, JR. Commissioner