

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. <u>1350</u> Series of 2021

## POSTPONING THE MAY 2021 NURSES LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND RESCHEDULING THEREOF TO NOVEMBER 21 & 22, 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 Nurses Licensure Examinations (NLE) were scheduled on May 30-31, 2021 and November 20-21, 2021;

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 1256 (s. 2020) categorized the licensure examinations as small, medium and large-scale examinations depending on the number of applicants wherein NLE is classified as a large-scale licensure examination;

**WHEREAS**, under Resolution No. 1334 (s. 2021), large-scale licensure examinations shall not be administered during the declared Public Health Emergency and State of Calamity unless the profession's stakeholders, such as Accredited Professional Organization/Accredited Integrated Professional Organization, Academe, and/or Sector, recommend its conduct as endorsed by the concerned Professional Regulatory Board, subject to the approval of the Inter Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) and to relevant rules and regulations existing, as well as to available resources for a credible and safe licensure examinations;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Nursing Association (PNA), the accredited professional organization, in its letter dated February 22, 2021, initially expressed support to conduct of the May 2021 NLE in order to augment the current healthcare workforce in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the PNA, in its letter dated April 5, 2021, requested to postpone the May 2021 NLE due to the recent increase of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19) cases and conveyed that its utmost consideration is the safety of the future Nurses and all those who will be involved in the conduct of the NLE;

**WHEREAS**, founded on the basis of the health and safety of all the examinees and examination personnel, the Professional Regulatory Board of Nursing (Board) and the Licensure Office deemed it necessary to recommend the postponement of the May 2021 NLE and to reschedule the same to a later date;

WHEREAS, to accommodate additional examinees, the Board and LO recommend to reschedule the November 20 & 21, 2021 to November 21 & 22, 2021.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the Commission RESOLVES, as it hereby RESOLVED to POSTPONE the conduct of the May 2021 Nurses Licensure Examination and to RESCHEDULE it on November 21 & 22, 2021.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that the previously scheduled **November 20 & 21, 2021 NLE** under Resolution No. 1283 (s.2020) shall be moved to **November 21 & 22, 2021**.

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

Done in the City of Manila this <u>**22<sup>nd</sup>**</u> day of April 2021.

OLANDA D. REYES

Commissioner

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TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR. Chairman

JOSEY. CUETO, JR. Commissioner