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About PRC

PRC Mandate

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) administers, implements and enforces the regulatory laws and policies of the country with respect to the regulation and licensing of the various professions and occupations under its jurisdiction, including the enhancement and maintenance of professional and occupational standards and ethics and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relative thereto.

Vision

The Professional Regulation Commission is the instrument of the Filipino people in securing for the nation a reliable, trustworthy, and progressive system of determining the competence of professionals by credible and valid licensure examinations and standards of professional practice that are globally recognized.

Mission

To deliberately, scientifically and consistently determine the competence of professionals through the provision of professional standards and judicious issuance of professional license.

Core Values

P – PROFESSIONALISM & INTEGRITY

R – RESPONSIBILITY, UNITY, & ACCOUNTABILITY

C – COMPETENCE & EXCELLENCE

PRC Quality Policy

The Professional Regulation Commission, the licensing and regulatory agency of the national government for the practice of the regulated professions, is committed to deliver service excellence to all its stakeholders with utmost:

Professionalism through efficient and effective quality management system by dedicated, competent, and dynamic personnel;

Responsibility and integrity in assuring the public is served by morally upright and highly ethical, and globally competitive Filipino professionals; and

Credibility in ensuring a trustworthy system of implementing the standards of practice of all professions.

The Commission further ensures the continuous quality improvement of its services.

PRC Quality Objectives

To maintain the validity, integrity and credibility of the licensure examinations;

To ensure that only those who have complied with the requirements of the law are admitted to the practice of the professions;

To regulate the practice of the professions by prescribing the ethical and technical standards of practice, and to monitor compliance therewith by all professionals;

To ensure the effective implementation, compliance and continuous improvement of the Quality Management System in order to meet customer/client requirements; and

To monitor and evaluate adherence to the agency's Key Performance Indicators (KPI) on quality, efficiency and timeliness.



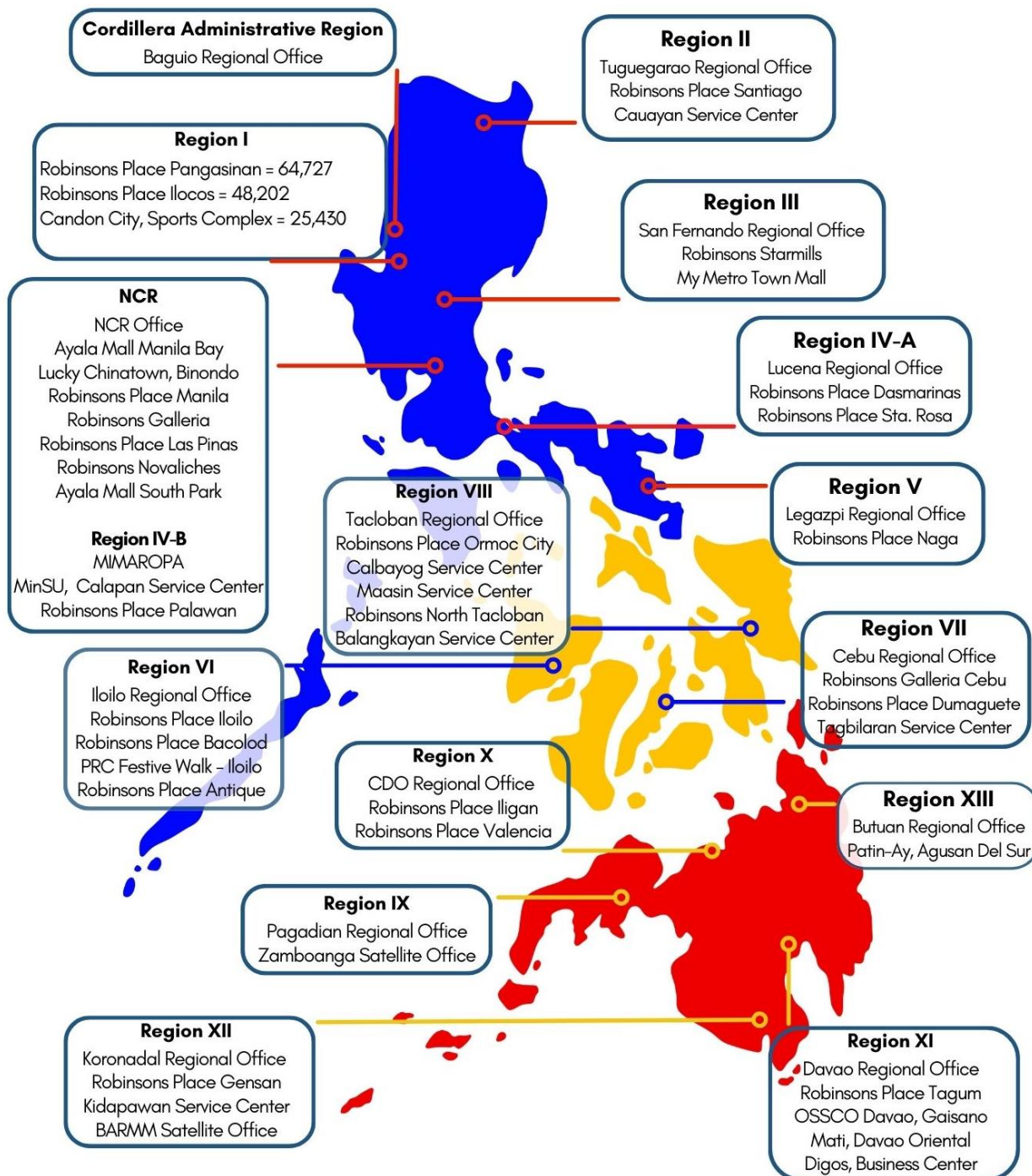
PRC Organizational Structure



Professional Regulatory Boards



PRC Offices and Offsite Service Centers



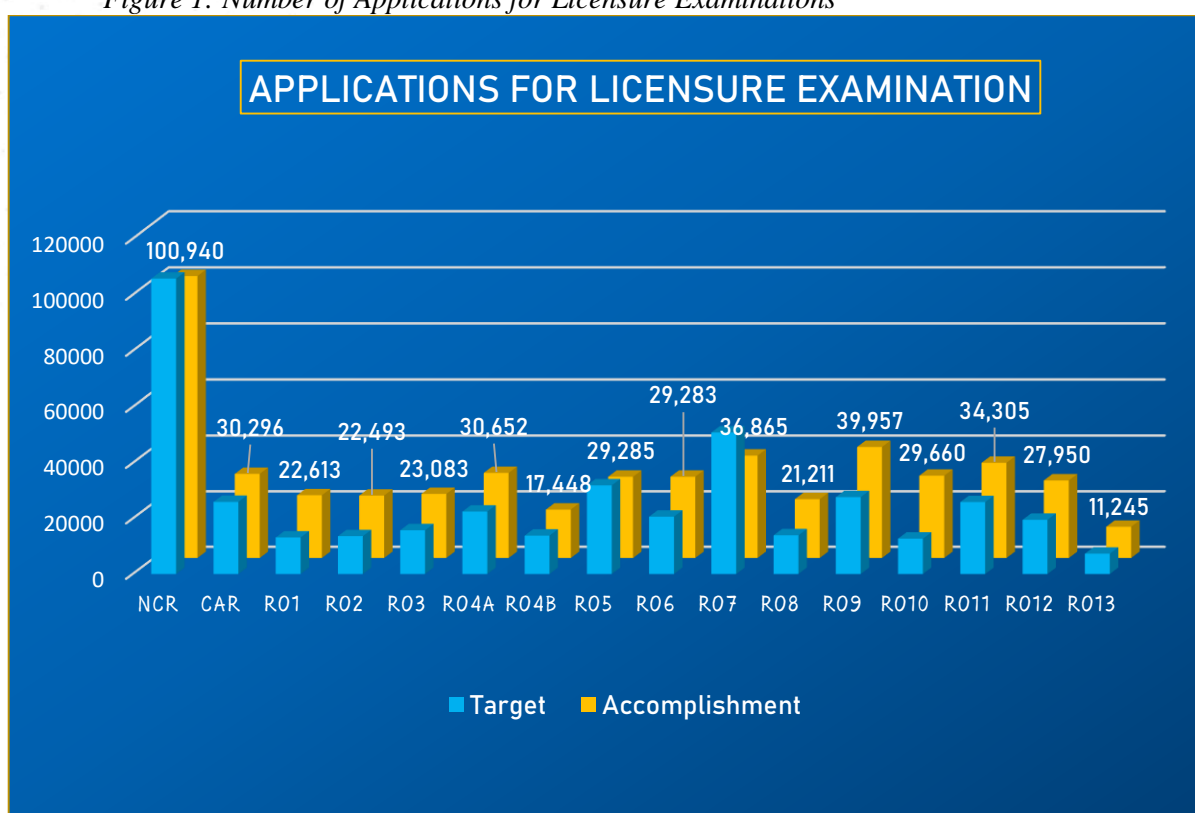
PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE PROGRAM

Applications for Licensure Examination

To ensure the orderly and smooth administration of licensure examinations from the preparation and encoding of test questions until the release of examination results, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1764 (s. 2023), which adopts a Master Schedule of Target Dates of Activities for Year 2024 Licensure Examinations.

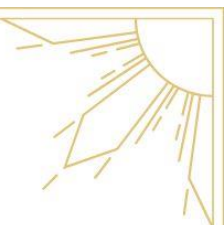
In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, a total of **507,286** applications for licensure examinations were processed and issued, an increase of 85,859 compared to the combined target of 421,427 of the sixteen (16) Regional Offices (ROs) and their offsite service centers. Data below show the number of applications processed and issued per Regional Office:

Figure 1: Number of Applications for Licensure Examinations



To address recurring system issues and difficulties encountered during the processing of applications, Resolution No. 1935 (s. 2024) or Amendments to the Revised Guidelines on the Filing and Processing of Applications for Licensure Examinations of Repeater Examinees/Applicants was issued. Additionally, Resolution No. 07 (s.2024) or Guidelines on the Implementation of the Refresher Course Requirement for the Medical Technologists Licensure Examination under Section 19 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 5527, as amended, was also issued.





Administration and Conduct of Licensure Examinations

The conduct of licensure examinations was carried out per the approved 2024 schedule. However, on March 8, 2024, the Commission issued Memorandum Order No. 28 (s. 2024), titled “Adoption of Austerity Measures in the Conduct of Licensure Examinations in the FY 2024” due to the adjusted projected target on the number of examinees, which increased from 386,997 to **670,662**. As a result, the Central and Regional Offices were directed to implement effective financial management of the allocated budget of the Professional Licensure Program, and to strategize the prudent utilization of the funds under the said Programs/Activities/Projects (P/A/Ps). Consequently, expenses to be obligated and disbursed were limited primarily to the core functions.

Likewise, to effectively and efficiently assess the viability and practicality of proceeding with the conduct of the licensure examinations, taking into consideration the low turnout of examinees, budgetary considerations, and personnel complement circumstances, guidelines and procedures were established. These guidelines underscored that PRC Regional Offices may request to cancel the conduct of a licensure examination in previously designated testing centers if there are less than fifty (50) examinees applied thereat.

Due to some unforeseen administrative and logistical challenges encountered in the administration and conduct of licensure examinations, the Commission subsequently issued Resolution No. 1836 (s. 2024) on 30 May 2024, revising the schedule of licensure examinations for August to December 2024 and limiting the number of testing centers to four (4) strategic locations: National Capital Region (NCR) and the Cities of Baguio, Cebu and Davao. However, in coordination with other government offices, the Commission has managed and resolved the aforementioned challenges. A contingent fund amounting to 150 million pesos was granted to the Commission in the fourth quarter to cover the funding requirements for the conduct of the remaining licensure examinations. Thus, the Commission adopted the revised schedule of licensure examination from October to December 2024, through Resolution No. 1891 (s. 2024), and expanded the number of testing centers for the remaining licensure examinations.

In view of Commission Resolution No. 1049 (s. 2017), which enjoins the PRBs to update their respective Table of Specifications (TOS) based on the Philippine Qualifications Framework Learning Descriptors, the PRBs of Fisheries and Criminology enhanced their existing TOS for licensure examination subjects. The enhancements incorporated the learning outcomes and competencies indicated in the profession’s respective Commission on Higher Education – Policies, Standards and Guidelines (CHED-PSGs), articulated the item distribution based on the Bloom’s Taxonomy Cognitive Domains, specified the percentage weights, and aligned with the Philippine Qualifications Framework. The enhanced TOS was applied in the 2024 licensure examination and the subsequent schedules thereof. Additionally, for this year, the PRB of Customs Broker conducted consultative meeting with their stakeholders to finalize their TOS to effectively administer the licensure examination.

Further, Resolution No. 1814 (s. 2024), or the Revised Guidelines on the Release and Publication of the Results of Top-Ranked Examinees and Schools in the Board Licensure Examinations, was issued repealing PRC Resolution Nos. 547, (s. 2010), and 1058(c), (s. 2017).



The new Correction and Releasing System in the processing of results for various licensure examinations was also implemented to address various issues, concerns and limitations of the DOS-based CRS, further enhance its functionalities and ensure a secured, accurate, effective and efficient correction and releasing licensure examinations results.



A total of **103** Peer Review and **77** Item Analysis meetings were conducted based on the approved annual calendar of meetings with the Test Consultants. Administrative support and technical assistance were also provided during their scheduled item analysis meetings.

Overall, **91** licensure examinations were administered, of which **19** were under the Computer-Based Licensure Examination (CBLE) System. A total of **577,844** examinees, both local and abroad, took the examinations through paper and pen and CBLE. The number of passers reached **319,513**, resulting in an overall passing rate of 55.29% across all boards. A 100% efficiency rate was achieved in the statistical data for monitoring of school performance, which was generated within one day after the release of examination results.

Table 1: Number of Examinees and Passers

2024 EXAMINEES & PASSERS

January		Examinees	Passers
1	Dentists (practical)	1,662	732
2	Architects	2,933	1,809
February		Examinees	Passers
3	Criminologists	32,495	15,684
4	Respiratory Therapists	1,383	1,077
5	Master Plumbers	3,594	1,594
6	Mechanical Engineers	6,770	4,458
7	Certified Plant Mechanics	108	65
8	Sanitary Engineers	300	216
March		Examinees	Passers
9	Dental Technologists (written)	24	17
10	Dental Technologists (practical)	24	
11	Professional Teachers	130,744	71,429
12	Medical Technologists	9,068	7,309

April		Examinees	Passers
13	Physicians	3,434	1,906
14	Electronics Engineers	3,130	1,330
15	Electronics Technicians	2,538	1,819
16	Pharmacists	2,147	1,185
17	Real Estate Brokers	1,758	1,337
18	Civil Engineers	17,010	6,680
19	Registered Electrical Engineers	7,005	4,436
20	Registered Master Electricians	1,220	629
21	Midwives	2,975	1,698
May		Examinees	Passers
22	Nurses	11,116	7749
23	Chemical Engineers	928	640
24	Speech Language-Pathologists	9	9
25	Certified Public Accountants	10,421	3,155
26	Dental Hygienists (written)	41	17
27	Dental Hygienists (practical)	41	



2024 EXAMINEES & PASSERS

	June	Examinees	Passers
28	Occupational Therapists	342	123
29	Physical Therapists	811	516
30	Architects	3,370	2,094
31	Dentists (written)	1207	673
32	Dentists (practical)	1205	
	July	Examinees	Passers
33	Interior Designers	400	119
34	Master Plumbers	6,191	2,936
35	Landscape Architects	142	91
36	Criminologists	22,539	11,121

	August	Examinees	Passers
37	Medical Technologists	5,574	3,872
38	Real Estate Appraisers	1,440	941
39	Psychologists	448	373
40	Psychometricians	10,717	7,478
41	Guidance Counselors	539	316
42	Mechanical Engineers	3,485	1,144
43	Certified Plant Mechanics	113	56
44	Environmental Planners	348	258
45	Food Technologists	995	510
46	Registered Electrical Engineers	3,058	1,655
47	Registered Master Electricians	834	335
48	Sanitary Engineers	156	105
	September	Examinees	Passers
49	Physicians - QAFMP	9	4
50	Librarians	771	376
51	Social Workers	7,113	4,587
52	Professional Teachers	129,157	68,353

2024 EXAMINEES & PASSERS

	October	Examinees	Passers
53	Ocular Pharmacologists	7	6
54	Optometrists (written)	327	297
55	Physicians	6,599	3,845
56	Naval Architects	94	43
57	Optometrists (practical)	290	-
58	Fisheries Professionals	1,509	1,005
59	Chemists	1,088	592
60	Chemical Technicians	2,711	2,110
61	Geodetic Engineers	1,343	650
62	Electronics Engineers	2,172	999
63	Electronics Technicians	1,591	1,126
64	Metallurgical Engineers	67	41
65-66	Mining Engineers (2x)	365	259
67	Veterinarians	1,349	633
68	Professional Foresters	1,574	928

	November	Examinees	Passers
69	Pharmacists	3,778	2,905
70	Nutritionists-Dietitians	1,209	843
71	Nurses	34,534	29,349
72	Agriculturists	7,144	3,628
73	Midwives	5,398	3,997
74	Civil Engineers	18,436	6,835
75	Chemical Engineers	951	688
76	Geologists	349	236
77	Speech Language Pathologists	161	153
78	Mining Engineers	365	259
79	Customs Brokers	2,871	1,265
80	Dentists (written)	1,287	873

	December	Examinees	Passers
81	Dental Technologists (written)	58	48
82	Dental Technologists (practical)	58	
83	Real Estate Consultants (written)	6	-
84	Physical Therapists	1,700	1,206
85	Certified Public Accountants	10,136	3,058
86	Dentists (practical)	1,285	-
87	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineers	2,625	1,479
88	Radiologic Technologists	4,257	2,450
89	X-ray Technologists	91	35
90	Occupational Therapists	536	353
91	Aeronautical Engineers	1,070	579

Administration of the Computer-Based Licensure Examination (CBLE)

The Commission has continuously implemented the CBLE in its regional offices. The procurement of hardware and installation of network infrastructure have been completed, hence, for this year, seven (7) PRC Regional Offices - Rosales, Lucena, Legazpi, Iloilo, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, and Davao were able to conduct their first CBLE for small-scale licensure examinations, such as Certified Plant Mechanics, Chemists, Librarians, Metallurgical Engineers, Mining Engineers, Psychologists, Sanitary Engineers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and X-ray Technologists licensure examinations with a total of **3,882** examinees.



Figure 2: Number of CBLE Examinees per Profession

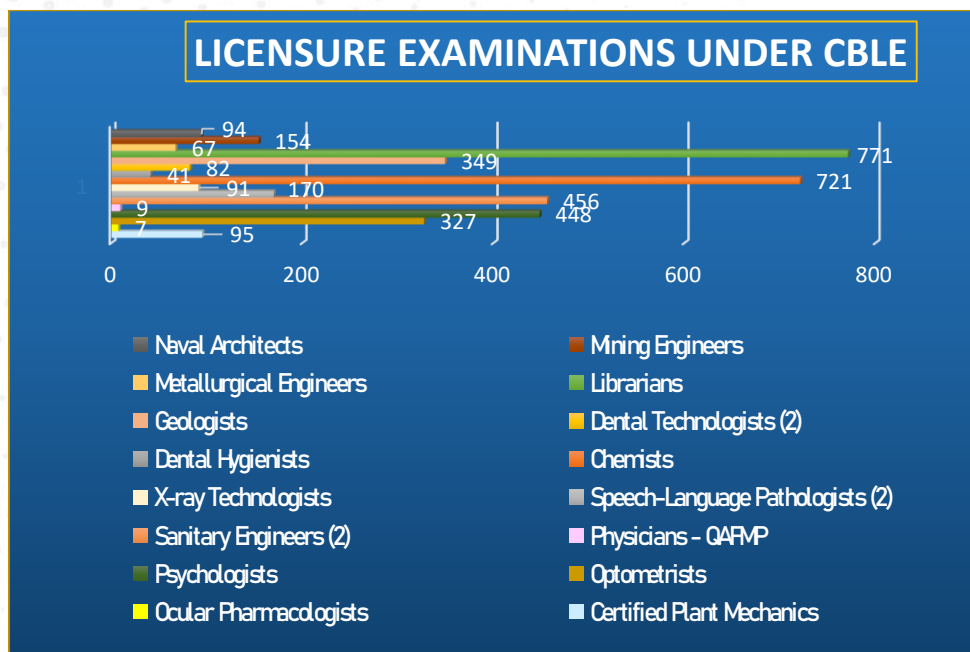


Table 2: Number of CBLE Examinees by Regional Offices

Regional Offices	NCR	ROI	RO4A	RO5	RO6	RO7	RO10	RO11	Total
Number of CBLE Examinees	3,192	123	74	129	3	2	58	301	3,882

The CBLE system was also fully enhanced by the Information and Communication Technology Service (ICTS) to meet evolving needs and improve its functionalities and overall effectiveness. Also, to ensure that necessary resources would be available in the ensuing years, the PRC Regional Offices in NCR, CAR, Iloilo, Cebu and Cagayan De Oro were able to secure a Multi-Year Contractual Authority (MYCA) for CBLE venue and other regular various examinations for FY 2024 from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

Professional Engineers Oral Examinations

The PRBs of Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Electronics Engineering conducted oral examinations through face-to-face and online modality both local and abroad.

Table 3: Number of Examinees for Oral Examinations

Professions	Date of Examination	Examinees	Passers
Professional Mechanical Engineers (PME)	February, June, and August 2024	250	250
Professional Electrical Engineers (PEE)	May and August 2024	75	75
Professional Electronics Engineers (PECE)	May and October 2024	70	70
TOTAL		395	395



The PRB of Electrical Engineering conducted oral examination/technical evaluation for Professional Electrical Engineers (PEE) via online mode in Singapore and Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), on August 5 & 12, 2024. Meanwhile, the PRB of Electronics Engineering conducted the same for Professional Electronics Engineers (PECE) (face-to-face) in Doha, Qatar, from October 9 – 11, 2024.

Furthermore, the Commission issued PRC Resolution No. 1923 (s.2024), authorizing the PRB of Mechanical Engineering to conduct the PME Oral Examination/Technical Evaluation overseas and prescribing guidelines to ensure its smooth and orderly conduct. Additionally, PRC Resolution No. 1930 (s. 2024) was issued, extending the deadline for the filing of applications for the December 2024 PME Oral Examination/Technical Evaluation held on December 9-20, 2024 in Al-Khobar, KSA.

Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE)



Spearheaded by the PRC delegates, the smooth and seamless conduct of the SPLE from June 16 to 18, 2024 to **29** professions was made possible through the support and assistance of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Migrant Workers Offices (MWOs), the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), the Philippine Embassies, and the cooperation of the Philippine Professional Organizations (PPOs) in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, State of Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, and Singapore. A total of **4,581** examinees took the SPLE, including those who took the Professional Teachers licensure examination held in Bangkok, Thailand, in September 2024.

Table 4: Number of Examinees and Passers for SPLEs

Business, Education and Social			
#	Professions	Examinees	Passers
1	Certified Public Accountants	56	4
2	Professional Teachers	752	389
3	Psychometricians	16	7
4	Real Estate Brokers	9	8
5	Social Workers	2	0
Engineering			
#	Professions	Examinees	Passers
6	Chemical Engineers	19	5
7	Civil Engineers	200	45
8	Electronics Engineers	60	12
9	Electronic Technician	22	14
10	Geodetic Engineers	7	1
11	Mechanical Engineers	100	19
12	Certified Plant Mechanics	2	1
13	Registered Electrical Engineers	103	22
14	Registered Master Electricians	126	85
15	Sanitary Engineers	3	1
Technology			
#	Professions	Examinees	Passers
16	Architects	217	84
17	Chemists	5	0
18	Environmental Planners	1	1
19	Interior Designers	0	0
20	Master Plumbers	130	69
Health and Allied			
#	Professions	Examinees	Passers
21	Medical Technologists	15	2
22	Midwives	47	17
23	Nurses	1,806	1,156
24	Physical Therapists	15	6
25	Radiologic Technologists	41	3
26	X-ray Technologists	10	0
27	Respiratory Therapists	20	14
28	Veterinarians	26	8
29	Professional Teachers	771	547

Prior to the conduct of the June 2024 SPLE, the Commission issued Memorandum Order No.79 (s. 2024), or the Revised Criteria and Procedure on the Designation of Testing Centers for the Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE), taking into account relevant factors such as budgetary and logistical requirements, as well as, security concerns in the host country, among others. It also issued an official checklist of activities for the conduct of the 2024 SPLE to ensure the orderly conduct of the examination and to establish a standard procedure in the performance of duties and responsibilities before, during, and after the conduct of the SPLE, preserving the integrity and inviolability of the licensure examinations. In addition, all Team Heads and lawyers were designated as administering officers in their respective area/country of assignment.



PROFESSIONAL REGULATION PROGRAM

Initial Registration and Oathtaking of New Passers

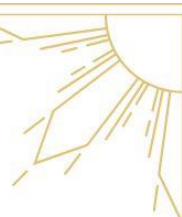
As for initial registration, this year's accomplishment of **302,764** exceeded the target of 249,425. The increase of initial registrants in FY 2024 can be attributed to the continues conduct of licensure examinations, resulting in a large number of successful passers from various regulated professions. Also, **323,312** new passers availed the online appointment for oathtaking, with **14,923** participated via the virtual platform for free. Meanwhile, a total of **5,551,262** registered professionals were recorded as of December 31, 2024.

Figure 3: Number of Initial Registration of Passers



Moreover, consistent with the Commission's effort towards digitalization, and to streamline the procedures for applying for licensure examinations and registration of successful examinees, the Permanent Examination and Registration Record Card (PERRC) and Registry Sheet were combined into a single permanent record, now called the Professional's Registry Card (PReCa). This change eliminated the printing and handling costs and reduced the storage space required for permanent records of registered professionals. For this purpose, the Commission issued PRC Resolution No. 1805 (s. 2024), which provides the Guidelines on the Implementation of Professional's Registry Card through the Licensure Examination and Registration Information System. The ICTS, through the Systems Development and Maintenance Division (SDMD), has been directed to include the generation of PReCa in the Registration Module of LERIS.





Registered Professionals

As of December 31, 2024, a total of **5,551,262** professionals were registered, with **3,286,952** holding valid Professional Identification Cards (PICs). The table below shows the number of professionals registered per profession, as well as the number of professionals with valid PICs:

Table 5: Number of Registered Professionals

NO.	PROFESSION	REGISTERED PROFESSIONALS	WITH VALID PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD
1	AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER	3,224	1,705
2	AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEER	12,852	6,594
3	AGRICULTURIST	44,704	24,770
4	ARCHITECT	62,966	41,645
5	CERTIFIED MINE FOREMAN	29	9
6	CERTIFIED PLANT MECHANIC	10,857	837
7	CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	206,751	86,393
8	CERTIFIED QUARRY FOREMAN	3	2
9	CHEMICAL ENGINEER	38,125	12,129
10	CHEMICAL TECHNICIAN	11,020	8,486
11	CHEMIST	15,938	6,124
12	CIVIL ENGINEER	212,267	139,116
13	CRIMINOLOGIST	277,023	183,550
14	CUSTOMS BROKER	15,741	9,352
15	DENTAL HYGIENIST	379	268
16	DENTAL TECHNOLOGIST	1,177	668
17	DENTIST	62,691	33,404
18	ELECTRONICS ENGINEER	58,508	21,748
19	ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN	29,140	8,599
20	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER	6,828	4,585
21	FISHERIES PROFESSIONAL	5,918	4,099
22	FORESTER	17,023	9,074
23	GEODETIC ENGINEER	13,159	7,389
24	GEOLOGIC AIDE	3	1
25	GEOLOGIST	3,672	1,992
26	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	5,004	3,887
27	INTERIOR DESIGNER	4,075	1,689
28	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	728	433
29	LIBRARIAN	11,138	7,098
30	MASTER PLUMBER	23,757	18,136
31	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	126,445	54,666
32	MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	5,640	1,336
33	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	127,549	74,954
34	METALLURGICAL ENGINEER	1,376	577





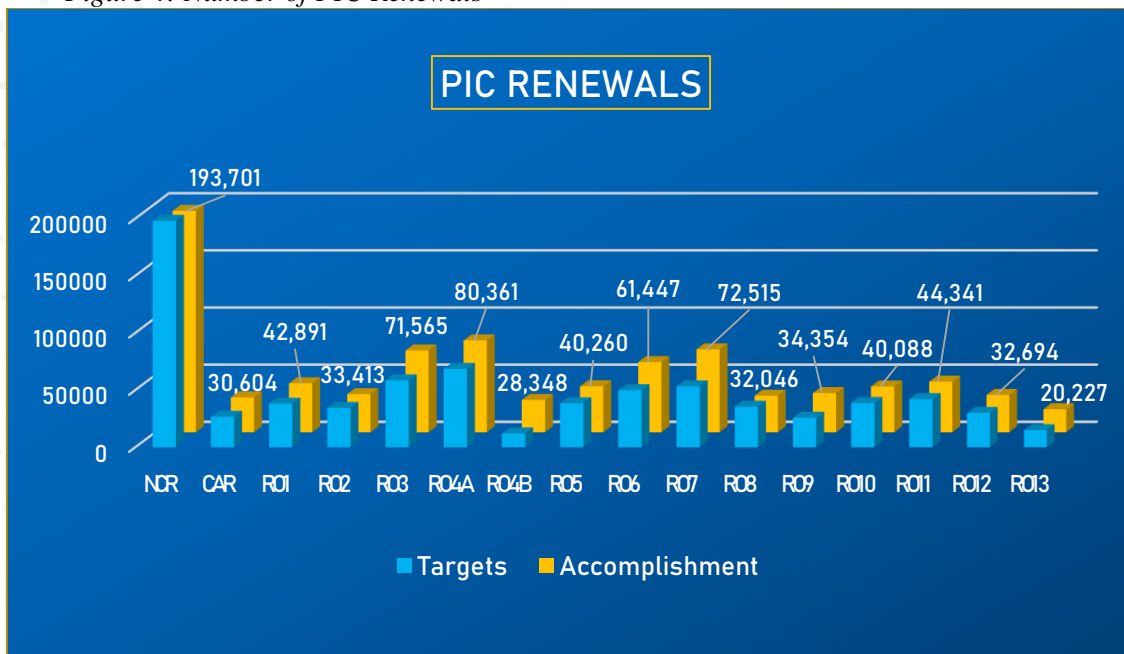
NO.	PROFESSION	REGISTERED PROFESSIONALS	WITH VALID PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD
35	METALLURGICAL PLANT FOREMAN	109	18
36	MIDWIFE	189,546	72,798
37	MINING ENGINEER	5,155	2,546
38	NAVAL ARCHITECT	1,159	645
39	NURSE	1,002,572	521,506
40	NUTRITIONIST DIETITIAN	22,559	10,204
41	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	5,770	3,164
42	OCULAR PHARMACOLOGIST	20	8
43	OPTOMETRIST	12,670	6,393
44	PHARMACIST	100,431	62,364
45	PHYSICAL THERAPIST	38,848	16,956
46	PHYSICIAN	174,324	105,431
47	PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	5,403	2,910
48	PROFESSIONAL ELECTRONICS ENGINEER	1,582	1,259
49	PROFESSIONAL FOOD TECHNOLOGIST	2,159	2,155
50	PROFESSIONAL MECHANICAL ENGINEER	6,390	2,926
51	PROFESSIONAL TEACHER	2,214,985	1,494,797
52	PSYCHOLOGIST	2,351	2,111
53	PSYCHOMETRICIAN	37,229	25,712
54	RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST	28,127	21,667
55	REAL ESTATE APPRAISER	12,236	7,100
56	REAL ESTATE BROKER	33,904	19,585
57	REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT	627	477
58	REGISTERED ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	93,269	51,520
59	REGISTERED MASTER ELECTRICIAN	64,032	23,425
60	RESPIRATORY THERAPIST	7,474	6,364
61	SANITARY ENGINEER	4,556	2,849
62	SOCIAL WORKER	44,695	32,285
63	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST	1,115	1,115
64	VETERINARIAN	12,537	8,012
65	X-RAY TECHNOLOGIST	9,718	3,335
TOTAL		5,551,262	3,286,952



Renewal of Professional Identification Cards (PICs)

A total of **858,855** PIC renewals for various professionals were processed and issued in FY 2024 through the online appointment system, representing a 12% increase compared to the target of 765,856.

Figure 4: Number of PIC Renewals



Aligned with SONA directive on “Expediting Digitalization Efforts Towards Better Public Service Delivery”, the Commission, in collaboration with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), launched the integration of ePRC System with eGov PH App. This integration, piloting the ePIC system availability, took place on July 8, 2024, at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). The partnership between PRC and DICT merged services into the eGovPH App, allowing the professionals/users to access directly their ePIC through the app and, at the same time, made it available in the eGovPH Mobile ID Wallet, offering fast-tracked services with ease and providing a better public service experience for clients.

To address the concerns raised by professionals who have difficulty meeting the required Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credit units for the renewal of their PICs, the Commission extended the acceptance of the CPD Undertaking until 31 December 2024 through the issuance of Resolution No. 1773 (s.2024). However, this period was further extended until 31 December 2025 through the issuance of Resolution No. 1908 (s.2024) to give sufficient time for the conduct of orientations and capacity building sessions on the proposed revised guidelines for the recognition, validation, and accreditation (RVA) of learning outcomes (LOs) gained through self-directed learning (SDL), professional work experience (PWE), and informal learning (IL) as well as for the necessary enhancement of the CPDAS.



Application for Duplicate PIC and Certificate of Registration (COR)

Based on the figures below, the application for duplicate PIC of registered professionals has surpassed the overall targets in FY 2024, indicating the growing importance of securing PRC-related documents in the practice of their respective professions, while the application for duplicate COR achieved 97% accomplishments of its overall target.

Figure 5: Number of Duplicate Professional Identification Cards (PICs)

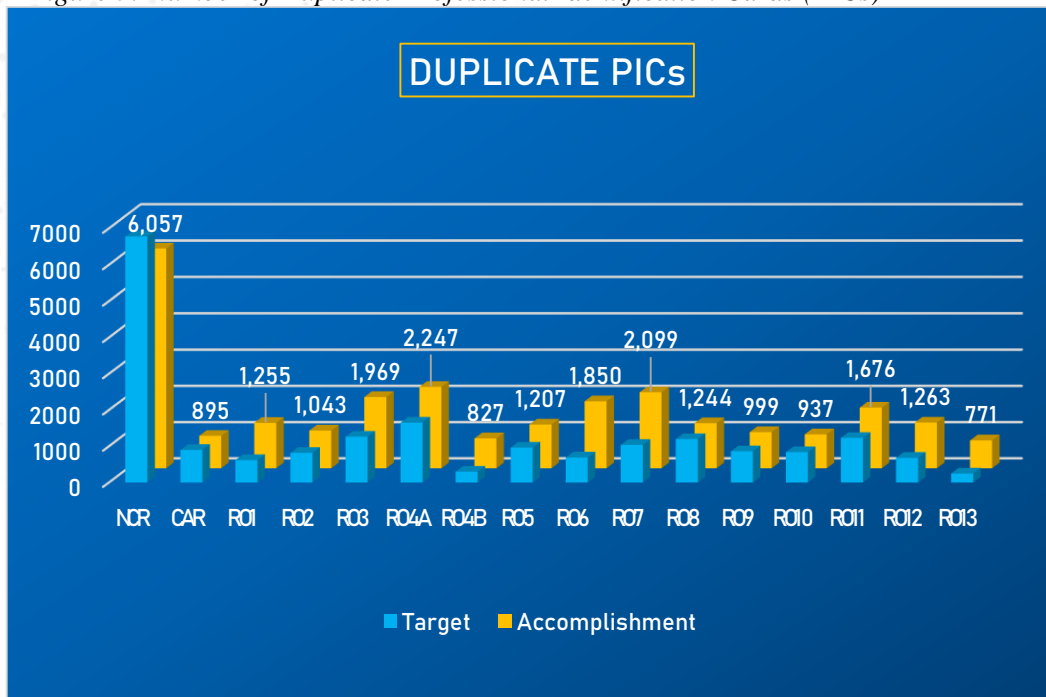
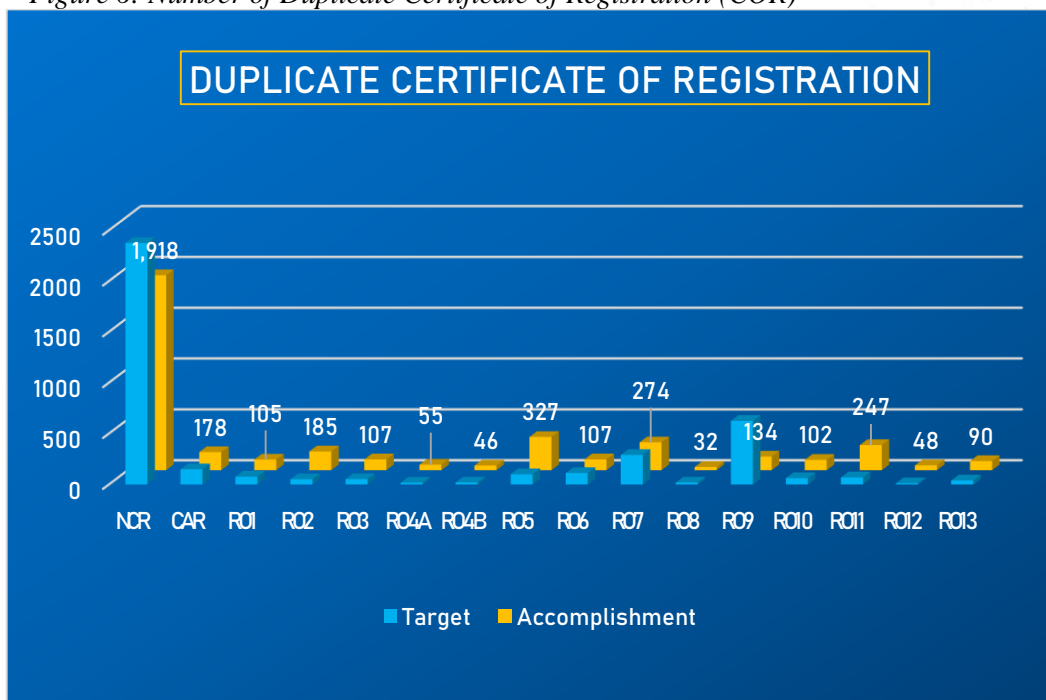


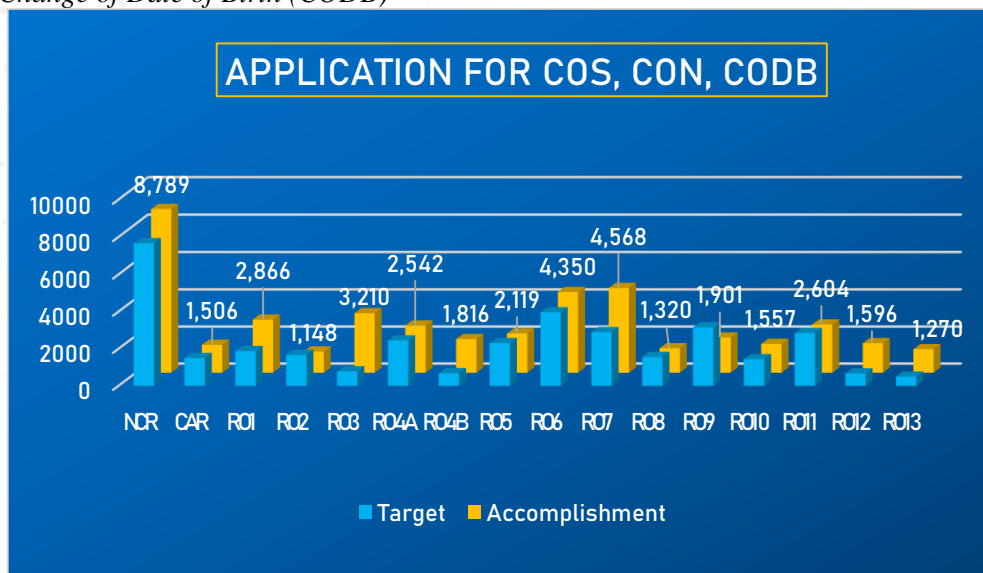
Figure 6: Number of Duplicate Certificate of Registration (COR)



Application for Petition of Correction of Entries or Data (COS/CON/CODB)

A total of **43,162** applications for change of data were received and processed within the prescribed turnaround time, and duly transmitted by the Regional Offices to the PRC Central Office for appropriate action.

Figure 7: Number of Applications for Change of Status (COS), Change of Name (CON), and Change of Date of Birth (CODB)

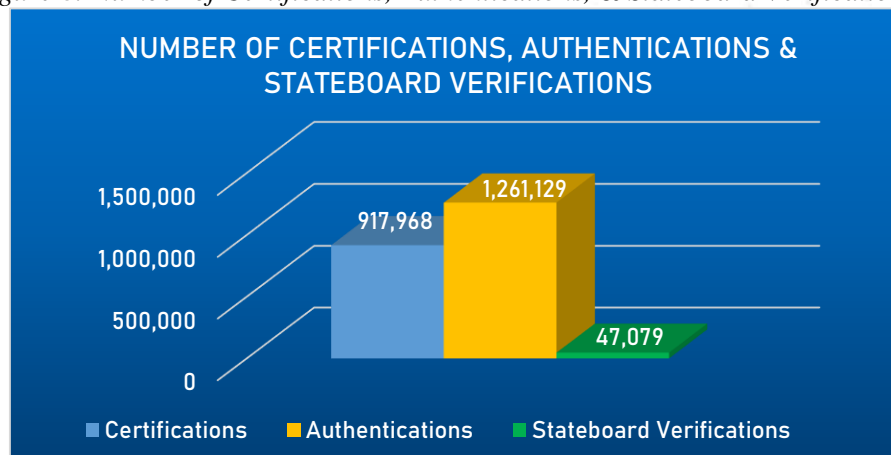


Issuance of Certification, Authentication, and Stateboard Verification

With regard to certification and authentication of PRC documents, the Commission processed and issued a total of **917,968** certification requests through the Online Certification System and **1,261,129** authentication requests through the Online Appointment System. These accomplishments steadily increased across all Regional Offices, making a significant difference compared to the set targets.

On the other hand, a total of **47,079** stateboard verifications were processed and issued in FY 2024, exceeding the targets of 36,782. The graph below shows the number of processed and issued certifications, authentications, and stateboard verifications:

Figure 8: Number of Certifications, Authentications, & Stateboard Verifications





Guidelines were also issued for the verification and online uploading of stateboard verification documents for National Nursing Assessment Services (NNAS) – Canada thru World Education Services (WES) Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) in view of the online system adopted by NNAS.

Inspection and Monitoring of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Establishments

The Commission, with the assistance rendered by the Accreditation and Compliance Division (ACD) of the Regulation Office and ROs to the PRBs, conducted a total of **1,355** inspections of establishments and/or HEIs through physical, virtual, and blended modes, surpassing the target of 1,090. This activity aims to determine the compliance of educational institutions and establishments, as well as the professionals and employees/staff employed therein, with the requirements of R.A. No. 8981 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the applicable professional regulatory laws, and other policies/standards relevant to the practice of the profession. The results also serve as the basis for the application of corrective and/or preventive actions and the imposition of sanctions, if necessary, to enhance the standards of professional practice in the country.

However, a new schedule of inspection and monitoring was issued on April 3, 2024, converting the remaining physical inspection and monitoring in the 2024 Calendar of Inspection and Monitoring of Educational Institutions into virtual/blended mode for the concerned regional offices, in order to mitigate or eliminate incurring operational expenses.

Table 6: Number of Inspections Conducted

#	PRB	No. of Inspections	#	PRB	No. of Inspections
1	Accountancy	71	24	Master Plumbing	10
2	Aeronautical Engineering	1	25	Mechanical Engineering	0
3	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	31	26	Medical Technology	31
4	Agriculture	16	27	Medicine	81
5	Architecture	8	28	Metallurgical Engineering	6
6	Chemical Engineering	20	29	Midwifery	19
7	Chemistry	196	30	Mining Engineering	6
8	Civil Engineering	63	31	Naval Architecture	17
9	Criminology	31	32	Nursing	55
10	Customs Broker	36	33	Nutrition and Dietetics	31
11	Dentistry	5	34	Occupational Therapy	20
12	Electrical Engineering	12	35	Optometry	2
13	Electronics Engineering	19	36	Pharmacy	39
14	Environmental Planning	10	37	Physical Therapy	14
15	Fisheries	14	38	Professional Teachers	5
16	Food Technology	38	39	Psychology	60
17	Foresters	5	40	Radiologic Technology	107
18	Geodetic Engineering	8	41	Real Estate Service	47
19	Geology	8	42	Respiratory Therapy	21
20	Guidance and Counseling	4	43	Sanitary Engineering	4
21	Interior design	14	44	Social Workers	17
22	Landscape Architecture	25	45	Speech-Language Pathology	69
23	Librarianship	35	46	Veterinary Medicine	24

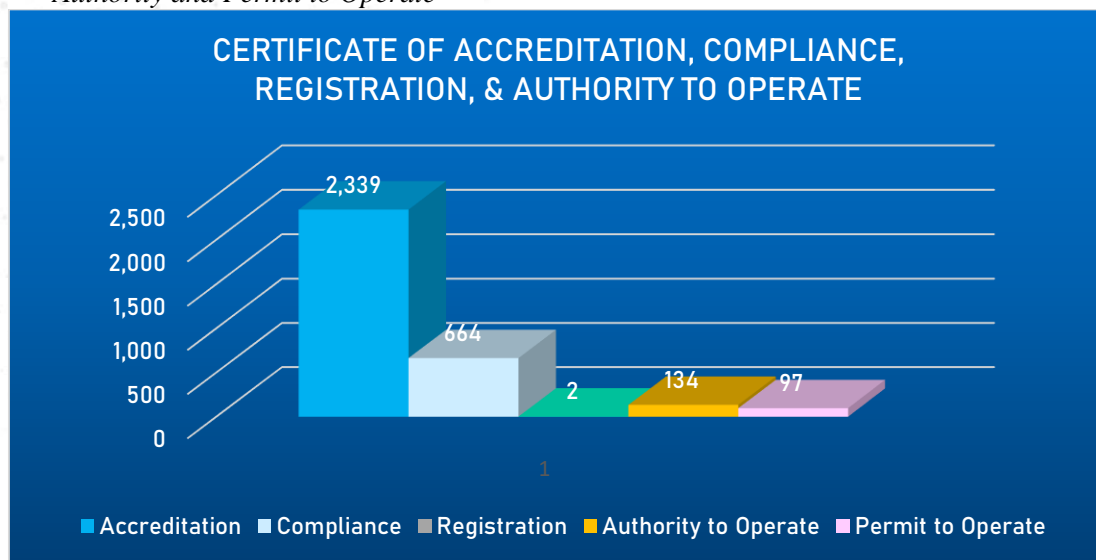




Issuance of Certificate of Accreditation, Compliance, Registration, and Authority to Operate

As a result of the inspection and monitoring of establishments and HEIs conducted by the PRBs, with the assistance of ACD and ROs, a total of **2,339** certificates of accreditation, **664** certificates of compliance, **2** certificates of registration, **134** certificates of authority to operate, and **97** permits to operate were processed and issued.

Figure 9: Number of Approved Certificates of Accreditation, Compliance, Registration, Authority and Permit to Operate



An unnumbered Memorandum was also issued, disallowing the submission of additional requirements not included in the applications for accreditation, compliance, registration, and authority/permit to operate to ensure the timely processing of said applications in accordance with the PRC's Citizen's Charter and to prevent delays that may cause inconvenience to applicants awaiting the approval and release of their documents.

In view of the procedural and operational gaps identified and encountered by the Commission during the processing of application of professional organizations as the Accredited Professional Organizations / Accredited Integrated Professional Organizations (APO/AIPO), PRC Resolution No. 1910 (s. 2024), or the "Revised Guidelines on the Accreditation of Professional Organizations and Integrated Professional Organizations, was issued and promulgated, amending Resolution No.1089 (s. 2018).

To ensure a seamless transition and enhance user understanding of the Accreditation and Compliance Online Application System (ACOAS) for its effective implementation starting December 16, 2024, a video tutorial for applicants and user's manual for backend processors were undertaken. A video tutorial highlighting the functionalities and benefits of the ACOAS was published on the PRC's official website and social media platforms, while the manual was made readily available to concerned PRBs and PRC officers/employees serving as backend processors.





Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

In FY 2024, the 46 CPD Councils accredited a total of **822** CPD Providers out of the 963 applications received through the CPD Accreditation System (CPDAS); **21,261** CPD Programs out of 22,480 applications; **16,316** other activities that did not go through CPD accreditation; and **3,032,839** professionals attended the accredited CPD programs.

On the other hand, out of 21,261 accredited CPD Programs, only **273** programs were monitored by either the CPD Councils or their designated CPD Monitors due to insufficient budget allocation for payment of honoraria to the CPD Councils and their Alternates.

Meanwhile, Memorandum Order No. 102 (s. 2024) or the Amendment of Memorandum Order No. 98 (s. 2023), entitled "Transition Period for the Compliance of the CPD Requirement", was issued to extend the acceptance of the CPD Undertaking for the renewal of PIC until 31 December 2025, pursuant to Resolution No. 1908 (s. 2024). The required Credit Units (CUs) for CPD compliance, which shall not be more than fifteen (15), were retained notwithstanding the previously executed CPD undertaking. The reckoning period for the CPD compliance shall revert to three (3) years before the date of the PIC renewal transaction.

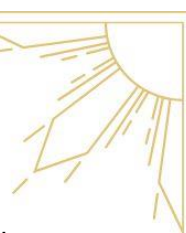
In an effort to raise CPD awareness and knowledge among all professionals, and to promote continuous collaboration and partnership with various stakeholders, the following seminars, orientations, and capacity-building sessions were initiated by the PRBs, CPD Councils, and Regional Offices:

- PRC RO I (Pangasinan) - OPLAN C.U.P.I.D.O (CPD Updates for Professionals Information Dissemination Orientation Tutorial: Empowering Professionals, Elevating Standards (Hybrid)
- PRC RO III (Pampanga) - Navigating the Path: Public Orientation on the Eligibility Requirements for Accreditation and CPD Updates
- PRC RO 4B (MIMAROPA) - Orientation on CPD Procedures for the Department of Education - Schools Division of Occidental Mindoro
- PRC RO 4B (MIMAROPA) - Orientation on CPD Accreditation Procedures for PNP-SAF 10th Special Action Battalion
- PRC RO XIII (Butuan) - Virtual Stakeholders' Consultation with the Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines, Inc. (IIEE) - Caraga Chapter
- PRB of Criminology: Public Orientation and Writeshop on the Implementation of the Enhanced Table of Specifications (TOS) for the Licensure Examination for Criminologists (NCR-Luzon, and Visayas-Mindanao Leg)

Improve Case Adjudication Mechanism and Resolution of Appealed Cases

To facilitate, monitor, and properly implement Memorandum Order No. 70 (s. 2023), on the Farming Out of Cases from the Legal Service of the Central Office to the Legal Sections of the Regional Offices, the Commission issued implementing guidelines through a Memorandum dated January 24, 2024. These guidelines outline the procedures for accessing digitized records through the Laserfiche, the assignment of cases and corresponding timelines for the submission and review of drafts, the format for submitting soft copies of draft orders, decisions, or resolutions, the repository of outputs, the monitoring tools/mechanisms and the confidentiality of documents in accordance with R.A. No. 10173, or the "Data Privacy Act of 2012".





The procedure for issuing Certificates of No Pending Case (CNPC) or Certificates with Pending Case in the Central Office (CO) and Regional Offices (ROs) was clarified, along with the steps to be followed for verifying the status of professionals, to facilitate the issuance of CNPC, pending the population of the Legal Management Information System (LMIS).

Also, the Revised Guidelines on the Review of Draft Show-Cause Orders and Formal Charges in Administrative Investigations, as well as Draft Decisions, Orders, and Resolutions in Administrative Cases were issued to streamline the endorsement of cases filed in the Central and Regional Offices, in line with the Commission's thrust to decentralize essential processes to the Regional Offices.

Moreover, after reviewing the policy on tagging and untagging professionals, the Commission adopted guidelines for the addition to and removal of professionals with administrative cases from the Control List, ensuring an efficient and effective system.

For this year, the Commission, through the Hearing and Investigation Division (HID) of the Legal Service, and Legal Sections from the ROs, resolved a total of **601** cases, mediated **741** cases, and conducted a total of **597** hearings. Similarly, a total of **455** cases out of the 580 docketed appeal cases have already been resolved, including the cases elevated to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court, as well as cases waiting for the registry receipts. Additionally, two **(2)** clients or public with pending appealed cases were served and assisted in processing their requests for removal/exclusion from the Control List with the Commission.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS/ AGREEMENTS/ MOBILITY AND COMPETITIVENESS OF PROFESSIONALS

Mutual Recognition Arrangement and Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications

For FY 2024, a total of **173** Filipino engineers registered as ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers (ACPE), along with **10** ASEAN Architects (AAs) and **42** Filipino CPAs who registered as ASEAN Chartered Professional Accountants (ACPA). This represents a 7.78% increase in the number of professionals registered under various mutual recognition arrangements within ASEAN and other countries, including international trade agreements where the Philippines is a signatory.

Likewise, the Commission and the PRBs issued **636** Special Temporary Permits (STPs) to foreigners who intend to practice their professions in the Philippines as provided by law, **12** Temporary Training Permits for Foreign Medical Professionals who intend to undertake residency/fellowship training programs, **23** Certificates of Exemption from Qualifying Assessment, **94** Certificates of Ineligibility to take the licensure examination, and **7** Certifications of Qualification endorsed to the Hawaii Department of Health.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ASEAN Association for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (AACLS) in Brunei, Darussalam was secured by the PRB of Medical Technology on November 23, 2024. Also, the Special Rules on the Documentary Requirements Applicable to Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Stateless Persons Applying for a Special Temporary Permit (STP) to Practice their Professions in the Philippines were prescribed through PRC Resolution No. 1865 (s. 2024), which superseded PRC Memorandum Order No. 3 (s. 2016).



Meanwhile, the Commission, through the International Affairs Office (IAO), together with the concerned PRBs, facilitated and managed the conduct of the following conferment ceremonies:

- 15th Filipino ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers (ACPE) Conferment Ceremony on May 24, 2024 at Hilton Manila Hotel;
- 9th ASEAN Architect (AA) Conferment Ceremony on November 27, 2024 at Sequoia Hotel, Quezon City



It also conducted the International Conference on the “Establishment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Qualification Reference Framework on Surveying - Stage I (Extension)” under the approved continuing appropriations of FY 2023 International Commitment Fund (ICF) on August 11-14, 2024. Concerned PRC officials and PRBs as well participated/attended in the following negotiations and reviews of bilateral/multilateral arrangements:

- 106th CCS and its related meetings in Bandung, Indonesia – February 26 - March 1, 2024
- 4th Joint Philippines-India Consular Consultation Meeting, Diamond Hotel, Manila – April 12, 2024
- Joint Business Mission in Australia – April 29 to May 3, 2024
- 107th CCS and its related meetings in Siem Reap, Cambodia – June 3 - 7, 2024
- PQF-NCC Inter-Agency Strategic Planning Workshop, Peninsula Manila, Makati City – June 27-28, 2024
- 3rd Philippines-Indonesia Joint Consular Consultation Meeting, Bogor City, Indonesia – July 11-12, 2024
- 108th CCS and its related meetings in Jakarta, Indonesia – October 21-25, 2024
- 2024 International Federation of Landscape Architects Asia-Pacific Region (IFLA APR) Talk and Share via hybrid modality – October 26, 2024
- 2nd Multi-Agency Service Mission (MASM) in Sydney, Australia, and the 1st MASM in Melbourne, Australia – November 15-23, 2024





With the aim of establishing significant partnerships, the Commission joined the Big 5 Construct Qatar at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC) Qatar from October 12-14, 2024, in Doha, Qatar. During the event, it shared knowledge and expertise at the Big 5 Talks on PH Forum on Construction/Architectural/Engineering Services, particularly on the topic “Unlocking the PH Advantage: The Power of Construction Professionals.” The Commission also took part in the Stakeholders' Consultation for the Philippines-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (PH-UAE CEPA), which was held via online on October 20, 2024. Additionally, a special dialogue meeting between the Commission and the Society of Filipino Engineers took place in Melbourne, Australia on November 20, 2024, to address the concerns of the Overseas Filipino Engineers working in Australia, particularly regarding the regulation of engineering profession, including the professional qualification and recognition in the said country.

Career Progression and Specialization Program - Credit Accumulation and Transfer System (CPSP-CATS)

The Commission, through the IAO, continued to provide administrative support to the concerned Office/PRB and the CPSP-CATS Program Management Committee (PMC) in drafting and finalizing of Professional Qualification Titles. A total of 203 meetings/consultations/capacity buildings, referencing activities, and orientations were conducted, and **45** CPSP-CATS Committees were constituted in FY 2024.

The Commission approved and issued various resolutions for the creation/reconstitution of the CPSP-CATS Committees, and conducted oath takings of **91** members, namely:

- Physical Therapy (Resolution No. 1767 s. 2024)
- Food Technology (Resolution No. 1778 s. 2024)
- Civil Engineering (Resolution No. 1786 s. 2024)



- Nutrition and Dietetics (Resolution No. 1784 s. 2024)
- Accountancy (Resolution No. 1801 s. 2024)
- Radiologic Technology (Resolution No. 1843 s. 2024)
- Mining Engineering (Resolution No. 1871 s. 2024)
- Veterinary Medicine (Resolution No. 1872 s. 2024)
- Landscape Architecture (Resolution No. 1879 s. 2024)
- Environmental Planning (Resolution No. 1880 s. 2024)
- Sanitary Engineering (Resolution No. 1881 s. 2024)
- Electrical Engineering (Resolution No. 1883 s. 2024)
- Chemistry (Resolution No. 1887 s. 2024)
- Professional Teachers (Resolution No. 1888 s. 2024)
- Dentistry (Resolution No. 1889 s. 2024)
- Customs Brokers (Resolution No. 1909 s. 2024)

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 12, Article III of R. A. No. 10912 which mandates the PRC and PRBs to formulate and implement a CPSP for every profession, the Commission approved the following:

- Guidelines on the Creation of a Career Progression and Specialization Program for the Advanced Professional Electrical Engineering Level 8 with Certificate of Specialty equivalent to the Doctoral Degree in Electrical Engineering under the Philippine Qualifications Framework
- Creation of a Career Progression and Specialization Program for the Landscape Architecture Profession
- Implementation of a Career Progression and Specialization Program (Fellowship in Specialized Dentistry - Orthodontics [PQF Level 7] for the Dentistry Profession)

The following Resolutions were also issued relative to the implementation of the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF), a reference-system of national standards of qualifications earned by individuals educated and trained in the Philippines:

- PRC Resolution No. 1893 (s. 2024), or the Revised Professional Qualification Code (PhQuaR Code) for the Adoption of the Revised List Based on the 2017 Philippine Standard Classification of Education (PSCED) and 2012 Philippine Standard Occupational Classification (PSOC).
- PRC Resolution No. 1913 (s. 2024), or Indicating the Appropriate Philippine Qualifications Framework Level in the Professional Identification Card (PIC) for Professionals with Advanced or Higher Qualifications
- PRC Resolution No. 1934 (s. 2024) Amending Pertinent Provisions of PRC Resolution No. 1262 (s. 2020) and PRC Resolution No. 1418 (s. 2021) on the Creation of the Career Progression and Specialization Program and Credit Accumulation and Transfer System Committee for Each of the Regulated Professions

CONTINUING IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PRC/PRB RULES AND PROCEDURES

The Commission, together with the PRBs, continued to review existing policies, rules, and regulations to ensure their relevance and responsiveness to present conditions, and alignment with R.A. No. 11032 otherwise known as “An Act Promoting Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services”. Hence, the following issuances, guidelines, policies, and procedures were issued:





- Adoption of Fees for the Issuance of Special Permit for Former Filipino Professional (Resolution No. 1783 s.2024)
- Guidelines on the Implementation of Professional's Registry Card through the Licensure Examination and Registration Information System (Resolution No. 1805 s.2024)
- Approving the New Correction and Releasing System and Authorizing the Implementation Thereof (Resolution No. 1806 s.2024)
- Revised Guidelines on the Release and Publication of the Results of Top-Ranked Examinees and Schools in the Board Licensure Examinations (Resolution No. 1814 s. 2024)
- 2024 Revised Guidelines on the Oathtaking of New Professionals and Former Filipino Professionals (Resolution No. 1837 s.2024)
- Guidelines on the Issuance of a Special Temporary Permit to Foreign Professionals Assisting During a Declaration of a State of National Calamity with a Call for International Humanitarian Assistance in the Philippines (Resolution No. 1840 s.2024)
- Implementing the Specific Guidelines on the Screening and Selection Process of Nominees for PRB Chairpersons and Members Appointment (Resolution No. 1841 s.2024)
- Special Rules on the Documentary Requirements Applicable to Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Stateless Persons Applying for Special Temporary Permit (STP) to Practice in the Philippines (Resolution No. 1865 s.2024)
- Guidelines on the Addition to and Removal from the Control List of Professionals with Administrative Cases (Resolution No. 1885 s.2024)
- Revised Professional Qualification Code (PhQuaR Code) (Resolution No. 1893 s.2024)
- Approving the Procurement and Asset Management System (Phase 1 - Procurement Planning) and Authorizing the Implementation Thereof (Resolution No. 1894 s.2024)
- Authorizing the PRB of Electronics Engineering to Conduct the PEE Oral Examination/Technical Evaluation Overseas (Resolution No. 1903 s. 2024)
- 2024 Revised Guidelines on the Accreditation of Professional Organizations and Integrated Professional Organizations (Resolution No. 1910 s.2024)
- Indicating the Appropriate Philippine Qualifications Framework Level in the Professional Identification Card for Professionals with Advanced or Higher Qualifications (Resolution No. 1913 s.2024)
- Approving the Performance Management System (Phase 1 - IPCR) and Authorizing the Implementation Thereof (Resolution No. 1915 s.2024)
- Authorizing the PRB of Mechanical Engineering to Conduct the PME Oral Examination/Technical Evaluation Overseas and Prescribing the Guidelines on the Conduct Thereof (Resolution No. 1923 s. 2024)
- Amending Pertinent Provisions of PRC Resolution No. 1262 s.2020 and PRC Resolution No. 1418 s.2021 on the Creation of the CPSP-CATS Committee for each of the Regulated Professions (Resolution No. 1934 s. 2024)
- Amending the Revised Guidelines in the Filing and Processing of Applications for Licensure Examination of Repeater Examinees/Applicants (Resolution No. 1935 s. 2024)
- Establishing the Regional Office Koronadal Satellite Office in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and Prescribing the Operationalization Guidelines Thereof (Memorandum Order No. 5)
- Adoption of Austerity Measures in the Conduct of Licensure Examinations in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 (Memorandum Order No. 28)
- Guidelines and Procedures in Case of Low Turnout of Examinees or No Applications Received in Designated Testing Centers (Memorandum Order No. 35)
- Revised Guidelines on the Review of Draft Show-Cause Orders and Formal Charges in Administrative Investigations and Draft Decisions, Orders, and Draft Decisions, Orders, and Resolutions in Administrative Cases (Memorandum Order No. 96)



- Amendment of Memorandum Order No. 98 (s.2023), entitled “Transition Period for the Compliance of the CPD Requirement” (Memorandum Order No. 102)
- Grant of Application for the Issuance of Certificate of Accreditation to the Association of Philippine Orthodontists, Inc., the Specialty Society for Certificate of Fellowship in Specialized Dentistry- Orthodontics (PQF Level 7) (Dentistry Board Resolution No. 20 s.2024)

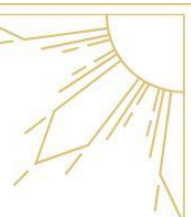
Code of Ethics and Technical Standards Reviewed and/or Issued

- Revised Code of Ethics for Licensed Electrical Engineering Practitioners in Compliance with Current Legal, Moral Environmental, and Technological Standards
- Establishing the Relation, Delineation, And Complementation on the Practice of Electrical Engineering and Electronics Engineering pursuant to R.A. No. 7920 or the “New Electrical Engineering Law” and R.A. No. 9293 or the “Electronics Engineering Law of 2004”
- Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct of Philippine Registered Criminologists
- Adopting the Applicable Provisions on the Philippine Green Building Code as Part of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of the Plumbing Profession in the Philippines; Adoption and Promulgation of the Code of Ethics and Rules of Conduct for the Practice of the Master Plumbing Profession
- Joint Resolution on the Formulation of the Local Healthcare Plumbing Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices for Healthcare Facilities, through the Collaborative Efforts of the World Plumbing Council (WPC), International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), Philippine Society of Sanitary Engineers, Inc. (PSSEI), National Association of Master Plumbers of the Philippines (NAMPAP), and other relevant Government Agencies and Plumbing Organizations, in compliance with the Sanitary Engineering Law (R.A. No. 1364) and the Plumbing Law (R.A. No. 1378)
- Rules and Regulations on the Signing and Sealing of Electronics Plans, Drawings, Permit Applications, Specifications, Reports and other Technical Documents by Professional Electronics Engineers
- Joint Resolution to Serve as Administrative Authority of the Local Healthcare Plumbing Standards, Guidelines, and Best Practices, in Compliance with the Sanitary Engineering Law (R.A. 1364) and the Plumbing Law (R.A. 1378), Respectively Through the Collaborative Efforts of the World Plumbing Council (WPC), International Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) PSSEI, NAMPAPI, and Other Relevant Plumbing Organizations, To Safeguard People in Healthcare Facilities

Other Regulatory Policy and Procedures Reviewed and/or Issued:

- Guidelines on the Processing of Applications for Accreditation as CPD Provider of the National Associations of Dental Suppliers and Dental Laboratories to Ensure Strict Adherence to the Code of Ethics of the Dentistry Profession and Other Applicable Regulatory Policies and Regulations
- Prescribing the Seal of a Registered Metallurgical Engineer
- Extending the Validity of the Accreditation of the Philippine Pharmacists’ Association, Inc. (PPHA) as Training Provider for its Immunizing Pharmacists Certification Program
- PH-UAE Comprehensive Partnership Agreement - Memorandum of Cooperation on Labour between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines
- Deferral of the Effectivity of Subsections 410.29. A1 to R.A. No. 1032 of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (2021 Edition), on Public Disclosure of Fee-Related Information
- Suppletory Guidelines on the Implementation of Board Resolution No. 53 (S. 2022) Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
- Guidelines on the Conduct of Refresher Course of Agricultural and Biosystems





Engineering as Required under Section 20 of R.A. No. 10915

- Architectural Code of the Philippines
- Recommending an Updated List of Non- Programmable Calculators Allowed to be Used in the Civil Engineering Licensure Examination
- Issuance and Use of a New Seal, Pin, Badge, and Indication of Relevant Information of Registered Criminologists in the Practice of the Criminology Profession Pursuant to Sections 28 and 31 of R.A. No. 11131 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- Guidelines on the Processing of Applications for Accreditation as CPD Provider of the National Associations of Dental Suppliers and Dental Laboratories to Ensure Strict Adherence to the Code of Ethics of the Dentistry Profession and other Applicable Regulatory Policies and Regulations
- CCTV Code; Rules and Regulations on the Signing and Sealing of Electronic Plans, Designs, Specifications, Drawings, Electronics Plans, Drawings, Permit Applications, Specifications, Reports and other Technical Documents by Professional Electronics Engineers
- Guidelines in the Implementation of Sec. 27, Article 14 of R.A. 9258 known as the Guidance and Counseling Act of 2004 on the Issuance of Permit to Operate a Guidance Clinic, Center or Facility
- Adoption and Promulgation of the Philippine Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Profession Competitiveness Road Map 2023-2028
- Guidelines and Standards on the Manpower Complement of Registered and Licensed Agricultural and Biosystems Engineers in Concerned Public and Private Offices and Establishments
- Presidential Proclamation “Declaring the Whole Month of December Every Year as the Philippine Architecture Festival –National Architecture Month
- Department of Health (DOH) - Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC)
- Allowing Applicants who are Graduates of the Diploma Course in Midwifery to submit Procedures/Cases obtained more than five (5) years prior to the Examination during the Transition Period
- Updating and Harmonizing the Registries of Optometrists of the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) and the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO)
- Mandating the Use of Valid Ophthalmic Prescription Pursuant to R.A. No. 9711 or the “Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Act of 2009” and FDA Circular No. 2021- 0021
- Guidelines and Standards on the Manpower Complement of Registered and Licensed Agricultural and Biosystems Engineers in Concerned Public and Private Offices and Establishments; Memorandum of Agreement with the Professional Regulation Commission, Professional Regulatory Board of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, and the Philippine Society of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer
- Submission of COGS issued by the AIPO for the Customs Broker (CB) profession as a Requirement for the Renewal of the PICs of All Registered and Licensed CBs
- Guidelines in the Implementation of Sec. 27, Article 14 of R.A. No. 9258 Known as the “Guidance and Counseling Act of 2004” on the Issuance of Permit to Operate a Guidance Clinic, Center or Facility
- Guidelines on the Issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Mechanical Engineering Works, Projects, Plants and Establishments; Submission of the Certificate of Good Standing (COGS) Issued by the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) for the Mechanical Engineering Profession as a Requirement for the Renewal of the Professional Identification Cards (PICs) of all Registered and Licensed Professional Mechanical Engineers, Mechanical Engineers and Certified Plant Mechanics
- Guidelines on the Issuance of Special Temporary Permits (STPs) to Foreign Medical Doctors (FMDs) Engaged by the Government or Employed by Private Firms or



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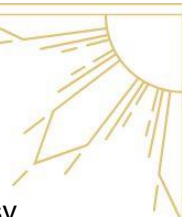
- Adoption of the IPAO Clinical Practice Guidelines of Optometrists for Pediatric Patients; Updating and Harmonizing the Registries of Optometrists of the PRC and AIPO

DIGITALIZATION: IN-HOUSE DEVELOPMENT, ENHANCEMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF VARIOUS APPLICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Consistent with the transformative policy direction of the current administration which mandates all government offices to ensure that their vital services are digitalized, the Commission, through the ICTS, pursued various digitalization projects, and developed or enhanced existing online systems. With the approved Php 98 million Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP) 2024 budget allocated for CBLE Projects, subscriptions for internet and ICT software, ICT machinery and equipment and its operational expenses, the following Digitalization Projects and In-house developed application systems were undertaken, developed, launched, enhanced, or implemented in FY 2024:

- **Enhancement of Computer-Based Licensure Examination System (CBLES)**
 - Fully enhanced on 17 December 2024
 - Six (6) PRC Regional Offices implemented CBLE: Lucena, Legazpi, Iloilo, Cebu, Cagayan De Oro and Davao
 - PRC Regional Offices in CAR, Iloilo, Cebu and Cagayan De Oro were granted Multi-Year Contractual Authority (MYCA) for CBLE Venue and Other Regular Various Examinations for FY 2024 by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) amounting to **Php 113,017,306.00**.
 - PRC Butuan was also granted MYCA for FY 2025-2026 for Lease of Office Space for its CBLE and its Confidential Printing Room
- **Enhancement of Licensure Examination and Registration Information System (LERIS)**
 - Fully enhanced on 24 April 2024 for seamless coordination with relevant government and private organizations, increase capabilities and resources, and promote transparency and efficiency. LERIS includes:
 - Online Application System
 - OAS for Repeater Applicants
 - Online Initial Registration System
 - Online PIC Renewal System
 - Online PIC Duplicate System
 - Online Certification/Authentication System
 - Online Payment System
 - Online Registration System for Virtual/Face-to-Face Oathtaking
 - Online ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer (ACPE)
 - Application/Registration System
 - Online Verification of License of Filipino Professionals Online Verification of Rating
 - Integration of PRC services with the eGovPH app which allowed the Professionals to view their profiles and access their e-PIC through the app and its eGovPH Mobile ID Wallet.
- The **Test Question Databank System (TQDS)**, was enhanced to further optimize its efficiency, effectiveness and security.





- The **Client Relationship Management System (CRMS)** was fully enhanced for easy access of clients to CRMS. The CRMS QR code which can be found in the conspicuous places was made available by the ICTS. The said QR code once scanned, the clients will be directed to the CRMS where they can lodge concerns/complaints or rate their satisfaction with the services of the Commission. It was also in this year that the Internal Client Measurement Survey was incorporated in the system.
- **Certificate of Registration Printing System** 's Phase II enables the printing of full text on the Certificate of Registration (COR) to minimize, if not eliminate, the errors in printing due to wrong positioning of text in the pre-printed forms. In addition, the COR Printing Module (CoRPm) was included in the LERIS. The replacement of COR shall be printed and/or released by the PRC Regional Office (RO), Satellite Office (SO), Service Center (SC) and One Stop Service Center (OSSC), where the professional filed his/her application in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission. These initiatives of the Commission, through the ICT Service aimed at ensuring operational efficiency, enhancing service accessibility and timely delivery of services.
- **Development of Procurement and Asset Management System (PAMS)** Phase II enhancement is currently undergoing system testing. The preparation and approval of the Project Procurement Management Plans (PPMPs) and Annual Procurement Plans (APPs) of the Commission will be automated to monitor the procurement of various projects indicated in the PPMP/APP for the fiscal year so as to ensure that the allocated funds thereof are utilized accordingly.
- **Development of the National Archive of the Philippines (NAP) Monitoring System and LERIS Analytics.** Two (2) unprogrammed system projects were developed for this year, the NAP Monitoring System, and the LERIS Analytics. The **NAP Monitoring System** was developed to monitor and evaluate the implementation of policies and programs pertaining to records management and archival administration such as approval of the NAP Authority for the shredding and disposal of used and unused test questionnaires and other valueless records and provide the status of the request real-time. On the other hand, the **LERIS Analytics** will visualize the LERIS workflow, process cycle time, breakdown of transactions, that would enable PRC to easily pinpoint inefficiencies and areas for improvement.
- **Digitization Project**
A total of **1,639,451** pages were digitized, composed of Table of Results, Master List of Examination Results, Legal Case folders, docketed issuances, PERRCS, 2021 files and other pertinent records of the Commission.
- **Continuous implementation of Cybersecurity Initiatives**
The Commission is in its 2nd - year implementation of Security Operations Center (SOC), a centralized monitoring platform that will enhance the government's ability to act on threats before, during, and after attacks.

It also reported a 39.2% increase in the number of applicants and professionals provided with online services, and 96% reduction of process cycle time of frontline services upon conversion to online services.

COMPLETION OF THE REORGANIZATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The Commission continued the filling up of vacant positions under the approved Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern (OSSP). Out of 1,079 plantilla positions, **904** were filled and 175 were unfilled. It has appointed **28** new personnel, promoted **8** employees,



and regularized **34** new employees.

The Competency Standards Manual is being finalized to assist the Commission in its recruitment, selection, and/or hiring of high performing, competent, and credible civil servants. Capacity building activities, seminars and training of PRBs and employees were continuously conducted in accordance with the approved Office's Learning and Development (Training) Plan for Calendar Year (CY) 2024.

Further, the Technical Working Group (TWG) conducted a series of meetings to prepare proposals for priority positions to be included in the FY 2025 budget proposal for the following: Offsite Service Centers; Digitalization Program; ARTA Unit; Bids and Awards; CPSP-CATS; Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF); Legal Service.

COMMISSION'S ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC AND INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION/CIRCULATION

The Commission, through its Public Information and Media Relations Unit (PIMRU), published **510** announcements, **104** advisories, **92** news articles on existing and new programs, projects, activities, services, and procedures/protocols through the official website and social media platforms. Additionally, PIMRU covered six (6) Facebook live webinars, and submitted **81** PRC good news to the DOLE-Information and Public Service (IPS) office, in compliance with DOLE Administrative Order No. 2020-167.

Also, as part of the public information initiatives of the Commission, PIMRU provided timely response to the following: **3,947** emails, **16,158** Facebook messages, 175 Facebook comments, **491** Twitter comments, and **1,254** phone calls. Moreover, a total of **221,414** new Facebook likes and **288** new YouTube subscribers were obtained throughout the year, which means that the Commission had received more engagement and encouragement from the public in support of its initiatives, programs and projects.

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND ANTI - RED TAPE COMPLIANCE AND ELECTRONIC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (E-FOI)

In line with the provisions of R.A. No. 11032 otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, and in compliance with ARTA, the Commission published the most current and updated version PRC Citizen's Charter 2024 (1st Edition). It also attended to **334** complaints through Hotline 8888 of the Office of the President, with 100% resolution and 94.61% compliance. It also resolved **34** complaints through the Presidential Action Center (PAC), **16** complaints lodged through the Contact Center ng Bayan (CCB), with 100% resolution and compliance, **19** complaints through Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), 18 complaints from the Office of the Vice-President, and **1,699** from PRC ARTU emails. Meanwhile, a total of 2,233 FOI requests for documents were received while **2,073** FOI requests were processed and released.



Accordingly, the Commission was recognized by the Civil Service Commission – CCB as top performing agency in resolution and compliance or referred complaints. It also received the Electronic Freedom of Information (eFOI) Awards as Top Requested and Performing Agency in the FOI Program. The eFOI recognition attested to the Commission's fast and efficient action on requests for information about government transactions and operations, subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by existing laws.

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Continuous infrastructure development for PRC Buildings, and improvement of facilities of PRC Offices were undertaken. The status of the buildings are as follows:

- Buildings A & B in Pasay City (Phase I) - 96.896% actual accomplishment while Building C Phase II and III was put on hold due to budgetary constraint. As of 31 August 2024, Phase II is 72.45 % accomplished while Building C - Phase II and Phase III are 67.91% and 1.62 % accomplished as of 31 May 2024, respectively.
- PRC ROVII (Cebu City)- Phase II is now on its 99.50% actual accomplishment as of 31 December 2024.
- PRC RO XI (Davao) - 53.66 % accomplished as of 31 December 2024.
- PRC RO XII (Koronadal) Multi-Purpose Building and Testing Center - Phase I is undergoing rectification as a result of inspection as to specifications and standards including architectural, electrical, sanitary and structural integrity conducted by PRC representatives
- PRC RO XIII (CARAGA) secured DBM approval for the construction of a new office building amounting to PhP 130,000,000.00.
- PRC RO III (Pampanga) PhP 90 million budget for the construction of a 3-storey building was included and approved in the FY2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

OFFSITE SERVICE CENTERS (OSCs) AND ONE-STOP SERVICE CENTERS FOR OFWs (OSSCO)

The Commission, in its efforts to provide accessible and efficient services to the public nationwide, continued its partnership with the Local Government Units (LGUs), and private



mall. For this year, four (4) additional OSCs were established in the following locations: (1) Cauayan, Isabela; (2) Balangkayan, Eastern Samar, (3) Datu Lipos Makapandong Governor D.O. Plaza Sports Complex, Patin-Ay, Prosperidad Agusan del Sur; and, (4) Mati City, Davao Oriental, thus making it a total of 39 operational OSCs, serving a total of **1,624,738** clients nationwide.

It also approved the transfer of PRC operations from OSSCO in Palayan City to SM Cabanatuan City. Simultaneously, PRC OSC in Robinsons Manila and Galleria were relocated to more spacious mall areas in May 2024, in view of the increasing number of clients.

To ensure compliance with the Policy Framework for Evaluation Proposals/Requests for the Establishment of OSC and Revised Operational Protocol for PRC Service Centers, the Task Force for Offsite Delivery of Services conducted ocular inspection of the following existing and proposed OSCs:

1. Robinson Place Manila
2. Lucky Chinatown
3. Robinsons Place Starmills San Fernando, Pampanga
4. Robinsons Place Calasiao, Pangasinan
5. Proposed PRC Offsite Service Center in Mati City, Davao Oriental.

Non-conformities/observations were reported to concerned Regional Offices for immediate/proposed corrective action/s. Meanwhile, the Task Force, as represented by PRC Regional Office Iloilo recommended the non-renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with GT Town Center Mall in Pavia, Iloilo which was subsequently approved by the Commission. A closure notice was issued on 16 September 2024 by the same RO.

Table 7: Number of Transactions per Offsite Service Centers

	Regional Offices	Offsite Service Centers	Transactions
1	NCR	Robinsons Galleria Quezon City	52,556
2		Robinsons Place Manila	55,587
3		Robinsons Place Novaliches	47,804
4		Robinsons Place Las Pinas	28,107
5		Ayala Mall Manila Bay	46,378
6		Ayala Mall South Park	35,962
7		Lucky China Town, Binondo	79,784
8	Region 1	Robinsons Place Ilocos	48,202
9		Robinsons Place Pangasinan	64,727
10		Candon City Sports Complex	25,430
11	Region 2	Robinsons Place Santiago	71,500
12		Cauayan, Isabela	3,743
13	Region 3	Robinsons Starmills	114,852
14		My Metro Town Mall	41,820
15	Region 4A	Robinsons Place Dasmariñas	63,559
16		Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa	52,094
17	Region 4B	Robinsons Place Palawan	44,792
18		MinSU, Or. Mindoro	28,421
19	Region 5	Robinsons Place Naga	73,778
20	Region 6	Robinsons Place Bacolod	53,147



	Regional Offices	Offsite Service Centers	Transactions
		GT Town Center	12,867
21		Robinsons Place Iloilo	21,188
22		Festive Walk Mall, Iloilo	25,541
23		Robinsons Place Antique	15,104
24	Region 7	Robinsons Galleria-Cebu	31,403
25		Robinsons Place Dumaguete	50,381
26		Tagbilaran, Bohol-LGU	44,611
27	Region 8	Robinsons Place Ormoc City	36,648
28		Calbayog City Govt Center Bldg, Samar City	56,873
29		Maasin City	24,689
30		Robinsons North Tacloban	5,084
31		Balangkayan, Eastern Samar	4,354
32	Region 10	Robinsons Place Iligan	47,561
33		Robinsons Place Valencia	19,362
34	Region 11	Robinsons Place Tagum	77,540
35		Digos Business Center	24,011
36		Mati, Davao Oriental, LGU	-
37	Region 12	Robinsons Place GenSan	50,130
38		Kidapawan, LGU	42,197
39	Region 13	Patin-ay, Agusan del Sur, LGU	2,951
	Total		1,624,738

CONDUCT OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN MOBILE SERVICES

The Commission, through its Regional Offices, conducted a total of **441** mobile services nationwide and catered to **133,903** clients.

Recognizing the need to provide more accessible services to Filipino professionals living and working abroad, in support of the National Government's thrust in extending assistance to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), the Commission conducted meetings, promoted ASEAN MRAs and APEC Project Registers, and carried out four (4) foreign mobile services in the



following locations: (1) Bangkok, Thailand, (2) Sydney, Australia, (3) Melbourne, Australia, and (4) Tokyo, Japan.

Specifically, the Commission participated in the 2024 Multi-Agency Services Caravan (MASC) held in Bangkok, Thailand on November 23 – 24, 2024, and facilitated a total of **508** transactions, including queries from OFWs and their families. It also joined other government agencies in providing essential services to OFWs in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia from November 16 – 21, 2024, catering a total of **312** transactions comprising ASEAN MRA/APEC Register Applications, Special Temporary Permits, Special Permits, and Temporary Training Permits, renewal of PICs and 219 inquiries, among others. Likewise, as part of the “Asia Pacific Project 2024”, the Commission participated in ARTA Caravan 2024 during the 27th Philippine Festival Tokyo held in Tokyo, Japan on December 7 – 8, 2024. A total of **413** transactions were facilitated during the two-day event.

ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

The Commission has continuously pursued initial certification/recertification in the Central and Regional Offices to consistently provide quality services to its clientele and increase customer satisfaction. In FY 2024, the ISO 9001:2015 Certificates of Registration for the scope of Licensing of Professionals and Regulating the Professions were awarded/re-certified to PRC Central Office, and Regional Offices in Baguio, Lucena, Legazpi, Cebu, Tacloban, and Cagayan De Oro.

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD)



As part of the Commission’s programs and activities for the celebration of the 2024 National Women’s Month, with the theme, “WE Gender Equality and Inclusive Society” (*Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!*), the Central and Regional Offices, through the GAD Focal Point System facilitated various activities and competitions. These included the Photography / Photo Exhibit: *#LitratoNgKababaihan* (Empowered Women), *#PurpleYourOffice* Contest, *#ReelWomen* (Empowered Women), *#UlirangJuana*, *#PurpleFridays*, Film Showings, Campaign to End-Violence Against Women, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and other GAD-related seminars and activities.



Further, Lactating Corners for nursing mothers, and more comfortable waiting area for the transacting public were provided in various Regional Offices.



NOMINATIONS AND SCREENINGS FOR PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS VACANCIES

The Professional Regulatory Board Screening Unit (PRBSU), under the Commission Secretariat, processed **62** applications for PRB vacancies from interested individuals and Accredited Professional Organizations/ Accredited Integrated Professional Organizations (APO/AIPOs). The PRBSU facilitated and assisted the Commission in the conduct of eight (**8**) interviews and in the submission of **14** Commission-approved Resolutions to the Office of the President, through the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). In addition, **12** face to face oathtaking ceremonies were facilitated and conducted for **23** newly appointed Chairpersons and Members of **11** PRBs, including two (**2**) newly designated and elected Chairpersons for the PRB of Medicine and Optometry.



2024 PRC AWARDS

In connection with the celebration of the PRC's 51st Anniversary and Professional Regulation Week themed “*Bagong Pilipinas: Pagpupugay sa Makabago at Mapanlikhang Propesyonal ng Bayan*”, the Commission together with the Foundation for Outstanding Professionals (FOP) Inc. hosted the 2024 PRC Awards on August 2, 2024 at Conrad, Manila, for the awarding of Outstanding Professional of the Year (OPYA), Outstanding Professional Regulatory Board (PRB), Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization, Seal of Excellence in Continuing Partnership Award, and Eric C. Nubla Excellence Award.



The OPYA is given to professionals under the four clusters: Business, Education and Social; Health and Allied; Engineering; and Technology in recognition of their excellent achievements in their respective professions and their significant contributions and services to fellow professionals, the profession, and the nation. Alongside the respective conferment of awards, the following awards were also bestowed: a) Outstanding Professional Regulatory Board (PRB) – Philippine Guidance and Counselling Association, Inc. (PGCA); b) Seal of Excellence in Continuing Partnership Award - United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) and Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc. (PGCA); c) Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization for Category A: Philippine Medical Association (PMA) and for Category B: United Architects of the Philippines (UAP); and d) the Eric C. Nubla Excellence Award, Dr. Miflora M. Gatchalian from Food Technology.

The event was graced by the presence of the guest of honor and speaker, the Secretary of the DOLE, Hon. Bienvenido E. Laguesma, as represented by Hon. Carmela I. Torres, DOLE Undersecretary for Employment and Human Resource Development, and Hon. Patrick P. Patriwirawan, Jr., Director IV of the Bureau of Local Employment. Also gracing the event were Hon. Justice Jose C. Reyes, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, and Hon. Justice Apolonario D. Bruselas.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

For the continuing implementation of the Career Guidance Advocacy Program (CGAP) which is now rebranded as “Career Development Support Program” (CDSP), to enhance awareness and understanding of career opportunities within various fields, the Commission, through various Regional Offices, conducted the following activities:

- TARIBAY learning program to empower the forefront of career guidance in schools, and provided latest information and resources on the PRC - regulated professions;
- CGAP orientations for the enhancement of awareness and understanding of career opportunities within various fields and information about PRC services;
- Career Orientation Seminar at Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation;
- Online Career Guidance Session attended by graduating students and guidance counselors from the Holy Trinity University, Marinduque State University, Mindoro



State University, Palawan State University, Romblon State University, and Western Philippines University.

COMMISSION SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

The CSR, institutionalized since 2017, has continued to respond to the call to serve the public in need. For this year, the project was effectively implemented by the Central and Regional Offices through the following activities:

- Nationwide Tree Planting Activity as part of the PRC Anniversary and Arbor Day celebration, in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc., various APO/AIPO, and other government agencies
- Medical Mission and Blood Donation Activities
- School and Community Project of PRC RO Pangasinan
- PRC – *2long sa Kapwa*, an outreach program of RO Tuguegarao to pupils of Capatan Integrated School, and other beneficiaries affected by the onslaught of typhoons.
- School Supplies Donation to various schools
- Community Outreach Program in Sagrada Familia, Bogtong, Legazpi City
- Adopt-a-School/Community Program by extending support to Malasag Elementary School and Tignapoloan Elementary School, and Philippines Island Kids International Foundation, Inc. in Cagayan De Oro City; and Balay Silonganan in Butuan City

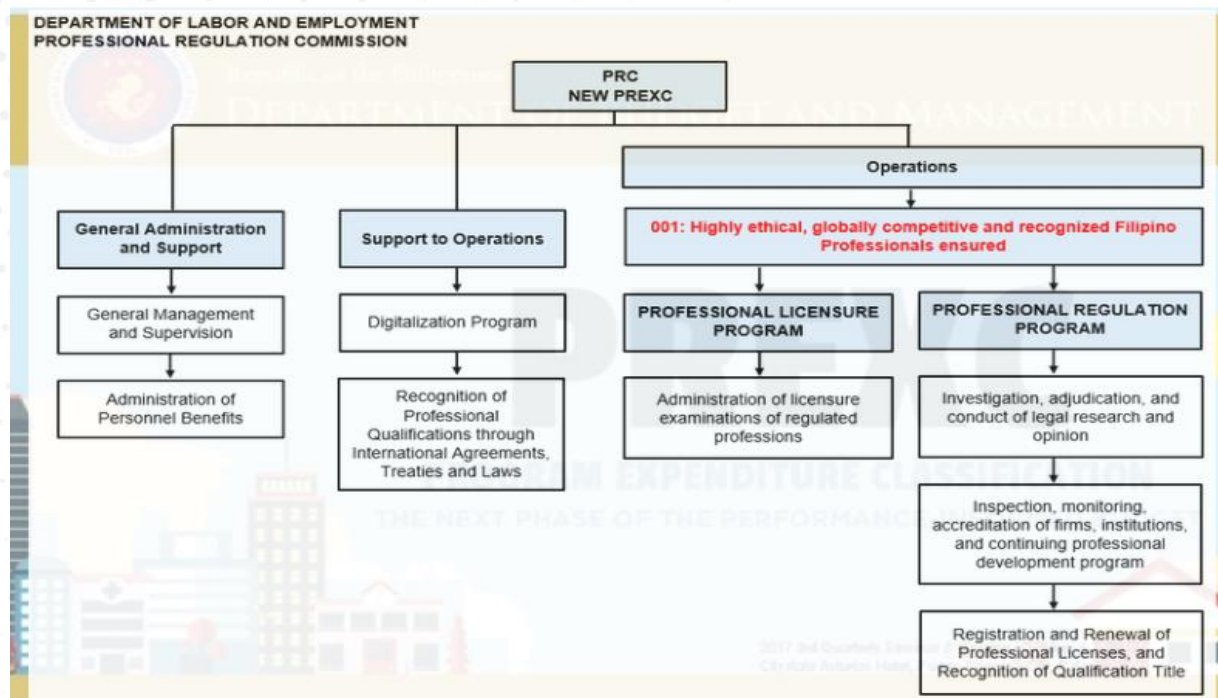


PROGRAM EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION (PREXC)

On March 22, 2024, the revised PRC PREXC Structure and Performance Indicators (PIs) were approved by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to improve alignment of the PREXC structure with regard to PRC mandate and functions; facilitate a more realistic reporting of periodic physical accomplishment; and to provide more flexibility in project implementation and fund utilization. The PREXC is a reform that restructures the current budget by grouping all recurring activities and projects under major programs or key strategies. The Commission's PREXC was first adopted in the 2018 budget. The highlights of the revised PREXC structure include the addition of Support to Operations (STO) which comprised the



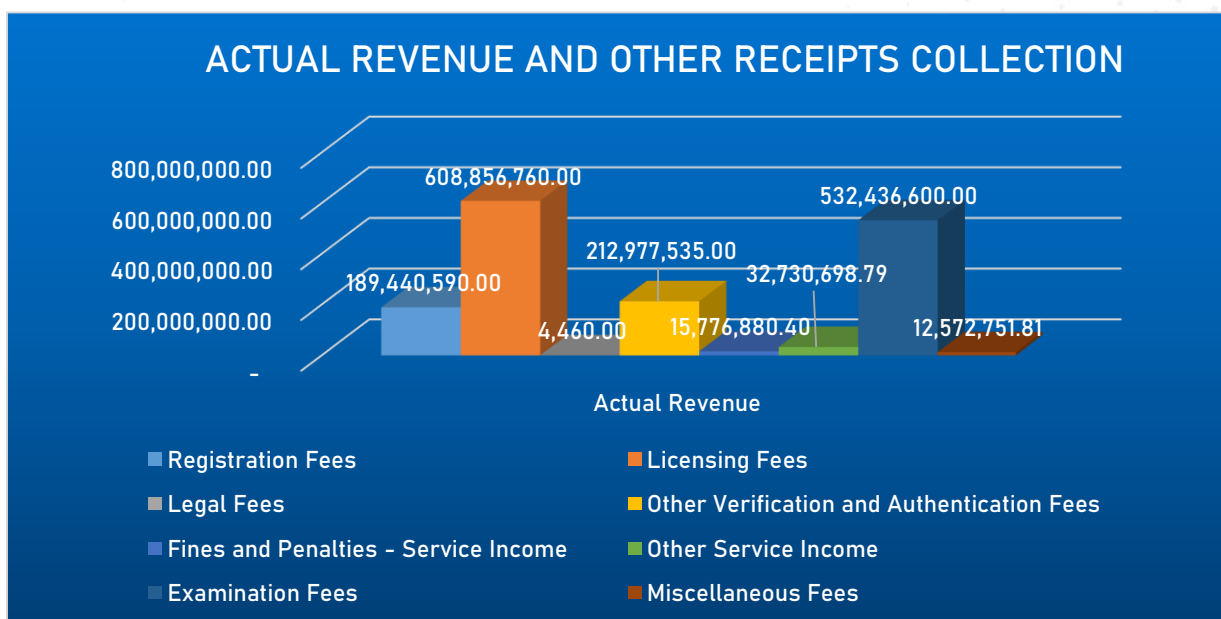
Digitalization Program and the Recognition of Professional Qualifications through International Agreements, Treaties and Laws, and only two (2) core programs were retained under Operations: the Professional Licensure Program and Professional Regulation Program. The revised PREXC will be implemented in the FY 2025 budget.



REVENUE COLLECTION

A total of **Php 1,604,796,276** was collected from all transactions in the Central and Regional Offices. The graph below shows that the renewal of PICs generated the highest revenue, followed by the application for licensure examinations.

Figure 10: Actual Revenue Collection





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