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PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PROGRAM OF THE DENTISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION (PRACTICAL PHASE) IN NCR ON NOVEMBER 28, 29, 30, DECEMBER 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5, 2026

DATE AND TIME **EXERCISES**

7:00 A.M. - 7:45 A.M.GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND FILLING OUT OF FORMS

8:00 A.M - 3:00 P.M. DAY 1
8:00 A.M – 3:00 P.M. DAY 2

Preparation and submission of exercises

GROUP I – SATURDAY – November 28, 2026
GROUP II – MONDAY – November 30, 2026
GROUP III – WEDNESDAY – December 2, 2026
GROUP IV – FRIDAY – December 4, 2026

DAY 1

A. RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY EXAMINATION 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Note: Phantom Heads are allowed only on a supine position. **EXAMINEES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING PERSONAL TYPODONT MODELS.**

One (1) Class II Cavity Preparation on a posterior tooth using typodont model and
One (1) Class I Cavity Preparation on one posterior tooth using typodont model.
Both teeth will remain UNFILLED

B. FIXED PARTIAL DENTURE EXAMINATION 10:00 AM – 12:00 NN

Note: Phantom Heads are allowed only on a supine position. **EXAMINEES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING PERSONAL TYPODONT MODELS.**

Preparation of two abutments for the reception of a Porcelain-Fused-to-Metal Fixed Partial Denture.

***Knock down the typodont in between the abutments up to the gingival level.

C. REMOVABLE PARTIAL DENTURE DESIGN EXAMINATION 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Note: EXAMINEES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING THEIR OWN RPD CAST and the use of RPD stents for designing

1. Knock down the missing teeth on the master cast to be indicated before the start of the examination. Round off and smoothen properly the edentulous areas.
2. Using a surveyor, survey the possible abutment teeth. Place tripod marks on the cast. **Make survey lines DEFINITE AND VISIBLE.**
3. Design a Bilateral One-Piece Casting Removable Partial Denture framework on the Master Cast.
4. Preparation of the guiding planes and rest seats.
5. Transfer Design on the top answer sheet (one answer sheet only).
6. Make Laboratory Prescription (Work Authorization) on the top answer sheet (one answer sheet only).

GROUP I – SUNDAY – November 29, 2026
GROUP II – TUESDAY – December 1, 2026
GROUP III – THURSDAY – December 3, 2026
GROUP IV – SATURDAY – December 5, 2026

DAY 2

A) Complete Denture Examination 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Mechanical Articulators)

1. Diagnostic Casts
2. Individual Trays – shellac base plates, SC tray resin, VLC resin (blue or white)
3. Master Casts
4. Trial Denture Bases and Occlusion Rims
   For trial base – shellac base plate, High heat pink wax, SC pink Resin, VLC resin (pink)
   (LC handheld and non-dental curing machines i.e., nailpolish UV lamp are not allowed.)
5. Mounting of Master Casts
6. Setting of the Artificial Teeth
7. Perform Gingival Wax-up (Festooning)
8. Please submit the following together with the Mechanical Articulators as patient
   a. Diagnostic Casts
   b. Individual Trays
   c. Articulator with pre-mounted master casts
   d. Examinees own mounted master casts with the trial wax dentures

- **To the examinees who are going to use the semi-adjustable articulator, PRC will not be liable if there will be any form of damage to the device due to transport.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Check or verify your school/building assignments at the PRC official website (www.prc.gov.ph).

2. Report to the school/building assignment before 6:30 a.m. on the first day of examination to verify your room and seat number. **Be punctual. Late examinees will not be admitted.**

3. **Examinees are required to wear their school uniform per Res. 311 dated MAY 18, 1994.**

4. Bring the following on the days of the examination

   a. Notice of Admission
   b. Two or more pencils (No. 2)
   c. Regular ballpens (not sign pen, friction pen, or technical pen) with **BLACK** ink only and with transparent casing
   d. One (1) piece long brown envelope
   e. One (1) piece long transparent/plastic envelope (for keeping your valuables and other allowed items)
   f. Packed snacks, meals, and necessary medications, including hygiene and sanitary kits in TRANSPARENT/CLEAR containers/cellophanes and placed inside transparent plastic envelopes, with sufficient drinking water supply for the day. The proctors/room watchers shall not allow any person, including food delivery service, to give or distribute food to any examines while the examination is in progress.

5. The following items are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** inside the examination premises/rooms.
    a. Books, notes, review materials, and other printed materials containing coded data/ information/formula.
    b. ALL KINDS OF CALCULATORS.
    c. **APPLE, SAMSUNG AND OTHER SMART WATCHES/EYEGLASSES (such as Ray-ban prescriptive Meta AI eyeglasses), CELLULAR PHONES, EAR PLUGS, TRANSMITTERS, PORTABLE COMPUTERS, BLUETOOTH AND OTHER ELECTRONIC GADGETS/DEVICES WHICH MAY BE USED TO STORE OR RETRIEVE DATA/INFORMATION AND/OR TO COMMUNICATE FOR WHATEVER PURPOSES.**
    d. Bags of any kind (ladies bag, shoulder bags, attaché case, backpacks, etc.)
    e. NON-DENTAL EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS.
    f. Other examination aids not stated in this program.

The rules on the conduct of bodily search, inspection of personal belongings of the examinees, and the seizure/confiscation of prohibited items during the licensure exam (Annex A of PRC Memorandum Order No. 57, s. 2020) shall be strictly observed.

NOTE:

1. Examinees shall bring their own disinfectants, Lysol, alcohol 70% Isopropyl and shall disinfect their own respective area and all materials needed under the supervision of the proctor.

2. Talking and murmuring are not allowed during the examination.

3. Examinees shall use **black ink ballpens** for written documents and **pencils** for the answer sheets. No other ink colors or writing materials will be permitted.

4. In case of malfunctions of devices, the watchers should be called for assistance.

5. Articulators and hand instruments should not have identifying color or mark.

6. Examinees shall exercise great caution with the use of alcohol as disinfectants since they are highly flammable and also in the use of torches in the complete denture exercise.

7. Only Dental Instruments and Dental Materials that will be utilized for the Practical Examination will be allowed in the work area **placed in transparent plastic envelopes**. Other objects not usually used in the examination will be confiscated. Any examinee caught cheating in any form, including doing short-cuts, will be automatically disqualified from taking both the Dental Theoretical and Practical Examinations and shall be perpetually barred from taking any licensure examination administered by the Professional Regulation Commission. **No marking/name on any instrument, including trays and articulator, shall be allowed.**

8. Examinee shall proceed to their respective school assignments to pay the incidental expenses on the use of the equipment and dental infirmary, and for orientation on the conduct of the practical licensure examination.

9. The minimum health standards per DOH Circular No. 0324 (s 2023)[1] shall be observed.

[1] Updated Health Protocols Following the Lifting of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

IMPORTANT: **READ CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PERFORMING ANY EXERCISE. WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE). PERSONAL BELONGINGS BROUGHT BY AN EXAMINEE SHALL BE FOR HIS/HER OWN ACCOUNT. THE PRC WILL NOT BE ANSWERABLE FOR ANY SUCH ITEM OR PERSONAL BELONGING THAT MIGHT BE LOST DURING THE EXAM WITHOUT FAULT OR NEGLIGENCE ON ITS PART.**

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Annex A

PROCEDURE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE BODILY SEARCH, INSPECTION OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS OF THE EXAMINEES AND THE SEIZURE/CONFISCATION OF PROHIBITED ITEMS DURING THE LICENSURE EXAM

All examination personnel, with the assistance of the representatives from law enforcement agencies, shall conduct a bodily search and inspection of the personal belongings of the examinees, subject to the following guidelines:

1. The least intrusive means of search or inspection shall be employed, either thru visual inspection, use of metal detectors, x-ray/scanners, weighing scale for calculators, rods/sticks (instead of bare hands). Bodily searches may involve physical contact but only if reasonably necessary to complete the search, i.e. if mere visual search is not sufficient to achieve the purpose of the search as when needed to check for hidden prohibited articles/items. Should physical contact be necessary, the same must always be carried out by examination personnel of the same sex.

2. The examinee, in the course of the bodily search, may be requested to remove certain pieces of his/her clothing (e. g. jackets, shoes, belts, eyeglasses, etc.) but only as far as necessary and proportionate to the purpose of the search. In no case shall the conduct of bodily search be too intrusive or excessive.

3. The bodily search should be done privately, if the examinee so requests or if deemed necessary under the circumstances.

   For Muslim woman examinees, they shall be required to momentarily remove their face veils (*niqab*) for verification purposes. This procedure shall be done in seclusion or privately, with the assistance of an examination personnel or the assigned Floor or Building Supervisor, who must also be a female.

4. In all cases, the examinees must be informed of the purpose of the search. The NOA and the Board Examination Program must bear a stipulation that the examinee submits and agrees to the inspection of his/her person and belongings, and that in case prohibited items are found in his/her possession, the same shall be placed in the custody of the Commission for investigation purposes.

5. Manual opening of the calculators may only be resorted to if there is a well-founded belief or suspicion that the calculator is or will be used for illegal purpose (e.g. if with tampered or broken seal, or if the same appears to be heavier than the ordinary or with an unusual display or configuration).

6. The search or inspection herein described shall be conducted before the start of the exam and may be repeated at any time thereafter, if deemed necessary.

7. All prohibited items shall be seized/confiscated. The seized/confiscated item/s shall be marked with proper identification by the examination personnel concerned. The examination personnel shall prepare an incident report, using the prescribed template, for submission to the Board.

   No seized/confiscated item shall be returned to the examinee until the decision on the case shall have become final and executory.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR
No. 2023- 0324

TO: **ALL DEPARTMENT UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; MINISTER OF BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM); CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, BUREAU AND SERVICE DIRECTORS; SPECIAL AND SPECIALTY HOSPITAL DIRECTORS; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS AND SANITARIA; AND OTHER CONCERNED OFFICES**

SUBJECT: **Updated Health Protocols following Lifting of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

On July 21, 2023, the President declared the lifting of the Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 through Proclamation No. 297. In light of this, the Department of Health (DOH) clarifies the following changes in the COVID-19 protocols:

Table 1. Updated protocols on Minimum Public Health Standards

PROTOCOLS	FROM	TO
Masking	Required in healthcare facilities, medical transport vehicles, and public transportation	**For Health Facilities** While no longer mandated, the DOH recommends retention of the mandatory use of masks in health facilities to protect vulnerable patients and reduce nosocomial infection. Infection Prevention and Control Committees (IPCC) of health facilities can choose to retain mandatory masking and issue specific guidelines applicable to their facility. For all other stationary or mobile healthcare providers without IPCC, DOH still recommends masking to be continued.

PROTOCOLS	FROM	TO
		For Public Transportation Wearing masks is no longer mandatory but not prohibited, especially for those who wish to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 or other respiratory infections.
	Mask wearing recommended for • Elderly; • Individuals with comorbidities; • Immunocompromised individuals; • Pregnant women; • Unvaccinated individuals; and • Symptomatic individuals	Mask wearing still recommended especially in crowded or poorly ventilated public spaces for: • Elderly; • Individuals with comorbidities; • Immunocompromised individuals; • Pregnant women; • Unvaccinated individuals; and • Symptomatic individuals.
Minimum Public Health Standards	Good hygiene, frequent hand washing, observance of physical distancing, and good ventilation	Good hygiene, frequent hand washing, and good ventilation; especially in situations where close interaction with vulnerable populations cannot be avoided such as the elderly population, those with comorbidities and immunocompromised individuals.
Vaccination	Recommended	Recommended

As to clinical guidelines, the following are the updated *recommendations* informed by the Philippine COVID-19 Living Recommendations, World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and recommended by the members of the DOH Scientific Advisory Group of Experts for Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases (EREID SAGE). As with all other diseases, patients are advised to consult their health care provider, most especially if presenting with moderate to severe symptoms.

The DOH also reiterates that neither repeat testing (showing a negative COVID-19 test) nor requiring medical certificates are required for resumption of work or entrance to school.

Table 2. Updated masking, quarantine and isolation protocols

	Masking / Quarantine / Isolation Protocols
Asymptomatic close contact exposed to confirmed COVID-19 positive individual	• No need to quarantine; and • Wear a well-fitted face mask for 10 days.
Asymptomatic but confirmed COVID-19 positive case	• Home isolation for **5 days <u>OR</u>** until afebrile/ fever-free **for at least 24 hours** without using antipyretics (e.g., Paracetamol) and with improvement of respiratory symptoms, whichever is earlier; and • Wear a well-fitted face mask for **10 days.** ***Note:*** Isolation may be shortened upon the advice of your healthcare provider.
Confirmed COVID-19 positive case with mild symptoms OR individuals with acute respiratory symptoms	
Confirmed COVID-19 positive case with moderate to severe symptoms, OR ~~i~~mmunocompromised	• Isolation for at least **10 days** from onset of signs and symptoms **following advice of the attending physician, including whether to be admitted in a health care facility;** and • Wear a well-fitted face mask for **10 days.** ***Note:*** For severe disease and immunocompromised, discontinue isolation only upon the advice of your healthcare provider.

Whilst the state of public health emergency has already been lifted, the health sector shall continue to remain vigilant to ensure adequate health system capacity in the event that it is required. Continued surveillance is necessary to minimize the risk of outbreaks and/or severe disease in settings with high-risk individuals. Regarding modifications in surveillance, reporting and public risk communication, please refer to the table below:

Table 3. Reporting and Risk Communication

PROTOCOLS	**FROM**	**TO**
Surveillance	COVID-19 surveillance as a stand-alone surveillance system	COVID-19 surveillance protocols (case definitions, confirmatory testing, whole genome sequencing, case investigation forms, etc.) shall continue to be implemented until its integration into the **pilot pan-respiratory surveillance system by Q4 2023.**
Disease Reporting Unit reporting to the	Mandatory reporting of all cases and laboratory results	Continue mandatory reporting of cases and laboratory results to

PROTOCOLS	FROM	TO
DOH		official information systems.
DOH reporting to the public	• Weekly case bulletins are released • DOH COVID-19 tracker updated daily	• Weekly to include other notifiable diseases • Weekly to include other notifiable diseases

Finally, updated guidelines for incoming travelers (e.g. vaccination, testing, and isolation/quarantine requirements), issuance of vaccine certificates, implementation of the eTravel Pass, and the COVID-19 Alert Level System will be issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) through the concerned agencies.

For dissemination and strict compliance of all concerned.

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