



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila

PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR FORESTERS

Resolution No. 05(A)
Series of 2017

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)
REQUIREMENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD
FOR FORESTERS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10690, otherwise known as "The Forestry Profession Act" which was approved on October 23, 2015, made it mandatory to implement CPD programs in order to enhance the professional competence of Foresters;

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 10912, otherwise known as the "Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016" which lapsed into law on July 21, 2016 provides that the CPD shall be a mandatory requirement in the renewal of Professional Identification Cards (PICs) of all registered and licensed professionals under the regulation of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC);

WHEREAS, Section 10 of PRC Resolution No. 1032, S. of 2017 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. 10912 provides that all registered and licensed professionals shall complete the required credit units (CUs) in every three (3) years of compliance period;

WHEREAS, Section 10 (d) of R.A. 10690 and Section 10 (d) of its IRR, states that the Board for Foresters has the power to prescribe and promulgate guidelines on the mandatory CPD for Foresters in consultation with the AIPO for Foresters;

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Accreditation of the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI), the AIPO for Foresters, was recently approved by the Commission per Resolution No. 05, S of 2017 dated July 14, 2017;

WHEREAS, the CPD Council for Foresters was approved by the Commission on February 23, 2017 per PRC Resolution No. 02, and the Members of the CPD Council for Foresters took their oath of office on March 20, 2017;

WHEREAS, the CPD Council for Foresters cannot as yet start their task of implementing the profession-specific CPD program for the following reasons, to wit:

- a) That one of the requirements imposed by the Standards and Inspection Division is for the PRB for Foresters to conduct a stakeholder's Forum to discuss the pros and cons of the would be CPD programs and providers;
- b) The Council is still awaiting the approval of the CPD Operational Guidelines for Foresters;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the CPD requirement for the renewal of the Professional Identification Card for Foresters during the compliance period from 2017-2019 was unanimously agreed upon by the stakeholders and the CPD Council for Foresters during its Forum held on August 11, 2017 to adopt and set the minimum credit units;

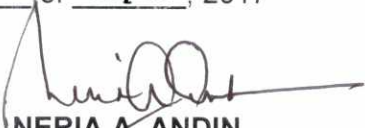
NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing premises and circumstances, the PRB for Forester hereby **RESOLVED**, as it so **RESOLVES** to set the minimum CUs required for the Forestry Profession for the transition period as follows:

Year of Renewal	Required Number of CPD Units	Minimum allowed to be earned per year	Accumulated CPD Units
Jan-June 2017	0	0	0
July-Dec. 2017	0	0	0
Jan-June 2018	7	7	7
July-Dec. 2018	8	8	15
Jan-June 2019	7	7	22
July-Dec. 2019	8	8	30
Jan-June 2020	7	7	37
July-Dec. 2020	8	8	45
Jan-Dec. 2021 onwards			45

This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.


Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished the U.P. Law Center and the Member of the CPD Council for Foresters, for their guidance.

Done in the City of Manila this 8th of Sept., 2017


NERIA A. ANDIN
Chairperson


JOSE A. LORENZO
Member


GERARDO T. CABRERROS
Member

ATTESTED:

LOVELIKA T. BAUTISTA
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Commissioner


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Commissioner



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MINUTES OF THE FINALIZATION OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR FORESTERS HELD AT THE EXAMINERS' LOUNGE, THIRD FLOOR, PRC MAIN BUILDING ON AUGUST 22, 2017 AT 9:00 AM.

I. ATTENDANCE

Professional Regulatory Board (PRB) members present during the meeting were:

Hon. Neria A. Andin

Hon. Jose A. Lorenzo

Hon. Gerardo T. Cabreros

Chairperson, PRB of Forestry

Member, PRB of Forestry

Member, PRB of Forestry and

Chairman, CPD Council of Forestry

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Gerardo T. Cabreros, Chairman of the CPD Council of Forestry at 10:00 in the morning.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Because of the earthquake occurred during the Stakeholders meeting last August 11, 2017, the Professional Regulatory Board (PRB) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Council decided to have another meeting to finalize the CPD Operational Guidelines for Foresters.
- B.** The Professional Regulatory Board (PRB) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Council reviewed and made some changes on the CPD Operational Guidelines, as follows:
- On the second Whereas, the Board decided to delete the word “automatic” and changed the word “shall” to “may”.
 - For Local Provider under Section 2.1.1, letter b, the Board changed the conjunction “and” into “or”.
 - Under Section 2.1.2, letter a, they added the phrase “whether owned or rented” after the instructional materials.
 - Under Section 2.1.2, letter b, they added the phrase “with recognized expertise on specific field” after the technical competence.
 - On Section 2.1.3, letter a, the Board added the phrase “and pursuant to Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Memorandum Circular No. 07, Series of 2017 dated July 21, 2017” after the sentence.
 - Section 2.2.1, for Foreign Provider, letter a, the Board added the phrase “and must have a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Local Provider” after the sentence.
 - Section 2.2.1, for Foreign Provider, letter b, after the word foreign firm, the Board added the phrase, “must operate under an Special Temporary Permit (STP)”.
 - Under Section 2.2.1, the Board added letter c, which states, The firm shall have complete line up of instructors, lecturers, resource speakers of good

moral character and technical competence with recognized expertise on specific field to carry the CPD program.

- Under section 3.1, they decided to changed the “period not to exceed three (3) years” to “period of three (3) years from the implementation of CPD program”.
- Under Section 3.2, deleted letter i, which states, Seminars, convention or program fee to be collected (The CPD provider shall asses each participant a ten pesos (?) CPD processing fee as part of the seminar or program fee.
- Under Section 3.2, letter j, deleted the word “test” after CPD providers.
- On Section 3.3, the Board added the phrase “that a provisional credit units will be given after the monitoring of the program and submission of CPD Provider’s completion report” after the word guidelines.
- Under Section 4 of the List of additional activities for Self-Directed and/or Lifelong Learning, 4.3. Resource Speaker, they made the five (5) credit units per session.
- Under Section 4, 4.8 Program/training module development, they changed ten (10) credit units into five (5) credit units per module.
- Under Section 4, 4.9 Technical Paper, they made the ten (10) credit units per technical paper for the main author and added five (5) credit units per co-author.
- The Board added under Section 4, the number 4.10 Non-ISI journal article, the needed documents are the Certification of Completion and approval and the credit units will be ten (10) credit units per technical paper for the main author and five (5) credit units per co-author.
- The Board changed ten (10) credit units into fifteen (15) credit units under section 4.11.1
- Under section 4.14, they deleted the phrase “12 cu per 12 months” on the maximum credit units
- The Board decided to add another section, which states that 4.23 Academic Research Extension and Instruction, the supporting documents needed are Mentoring with at least one (1) advisee, Research Abstract/Description of the Project and Copy of the Approved Grant and Photo-documentation of the activities, the maximum credit units will be six (6) credit units per completed project.
- Under Section 7, Academic Tract, they added on the coverage the Mentoring (instruction, extension and research papers) successfully accepted by Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
- Under Section 8, Required CPD Credit Units for every Compliance Period, the Board deleted the phrase “and which shall be implemented in phrases as illustrated below”.

C. The Board decided to add the transition period table from the draft Professional Regulatory Board (PRB) Resolution on the Implementation of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirement for the Renewal of the Professional Identification Card for Foresters, as follows:


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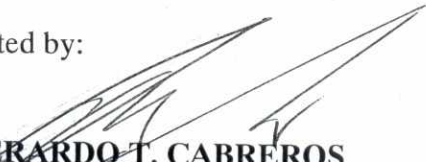
IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 in the afternoon.

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Noted by:


GERARDO T. CABRERROS
 Member, PRB of Forestry and
 Chairman, CPD Council of Forestry