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BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2000-663**  
(Re: Creation of the Board of Agriculture as mandated by Section 75 of R.A. No. 8435, otherwise known as "The Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997" as implemented by the Rules and Regulations issued by the Department of Agriculture)

Pursuant to Section 29 of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663, the following Rules and Regulations is hereby adopted, promulgated and issued to carry out the provisions of the said Resolution.

**ARTICLE I**  
**TITLE, PURPOSES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Section. 1. Title.** – This Resolution shall be known and cited as the "*Rules and Regulations Implementing PRC Resolution No. 2000-663.*"

**SEC. 2. Purpose.** – This Rules and Regulations is formulated and adopted to prescribe the guidelines and procedures to be followed and observed in carrying out the provisions of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663 and specifically:

- a. To ensure the efficient administration and maintain a reliable and honest licensure examination for registration of Agriculturists;
- b. To effectively supervise and regulate the practice of the Agriculture profession in the Philippines;
- c. To ensure, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), that all institutions offering agricultural courses comply with the policies, standards and requirements of the course prescribed by the CHED in the areas of curriculum, faculty, library and facilities, and
- d. To upgrade the Agriculture profession and the professionalization of Agriculturists through a program of continuing professional development.

**SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.** – Unless otherwise provided, the following terms shall mean:

a. Accredited Integrated Professional Association of Agriculturists shall refer to the integrated association of Agriculturists organized as the only association of Agriculturists recognized and approved by the Board and accredited by the Commission.

b. Agricultural Sector shall refer to the sector engaged in the cultivation of the soil, planting of crops, growing of trees, raising of livestock and poultry including post-harvest handling, primary processing and marketing of such farm products and other farm activities and practices.

c. Agricultural Economics is the systematic inquiry into the effects of human activities and government policies with regards to production, exchange, distribution and consumption of goods in Agriculture.

d. Agricultural Marketing is the discipline of exchanging goods and services through planning and executing the concepts of pricing, promotions, packaging and distribution to satisfy the objectives of individuals and organizations.

e. Agricultural Extension Teaching Methods and Communication shall refer to the objectives, principles and programs of extension, basic principles and procedures of different extension teaching methods and study on the purposes, methods, scope/levels of communication.

f. Agriculture is the practice of cultivating crops and the husbandry of livestock including the use of water, work animals and machineries and the fertilization and conservation of the soil to create products used for human and animal consumption including the use of modern technology to increase productivity, engage in agribusiness and be globally competitive.

g. Professional Identification Card shall refer to the identification card issued by the Commission to registered agriculturist to identify the holder thereof as a registered Agriculturist authorized to practice the Agriculture profession and to certify that he/she is a professional in good standing.

h. Agriculturist shall refer to a person who is technically qualified and competent to practice the Agriculture profession and who has been issued a certificate of registration by the Board.

i. Animal Science refers to the breeding, feeding, care and management of animals for the purpose of making profit. It also refers not only to animal husbandry but also to other fundamental sciences related to animals like nutrition physiology.

j. Board shall refer to the Board of Agriculture created under PRC Resolution No. 2000-663, as authorized by Section 75 of R.A. No. 8435, otherwise known as "The Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997".

k. Chairperson shall refer to the Head and Chief Executive Officer of the Commission.

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1. Consultation, evaluation, investigation and management services requiring the application of knowledge in Agriculture and its components.
2. Preparation of plans, specifications, project feasibility studies and estimates and other management services in the production of crops, raising of livestock and poultry, planting of trees and marketing agriculture products.

3. Conduct research and studies in the areas of soil analysis and conservation, crop production, breeding of livestock and poultry, tree planting and biotechniques.
4. Conduct training and extension work in agricultural crop production, poultry and livestock raising and tree planting.
5. Management and/or marketing services related to Agriculture as a business or industry.
6. Teaching agriculture subjects in schools, colleges and universities established or recognized by the Government.
7. Employment in the private and government sectors where such employment requires the knowledge and expertise of a licensed Agriculturist.

v. Syllabus shall refer to the table of specifications embodying the contents of a subject in the curriculum of the course/program with licensure examination methodically arranged in topics and sub-topics in accordance with which the test questions in the licensure examination for the practice of Agriculture shall be prepared.

## ARTICLE II

### OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BOARD AND SEAL OF THE AGRICULTURIST

**SEC. 4. Official Seal of the Board and Seal of the Registered Agriculturist.** – The Board shall adopt its official seal. It shall also adopt the seal of a registered Agriculturist to be stamped/impressed on documents prepared and executed or caused to be prepared and executed for the signature of an Agriculturist in connection with the practice of the Agriculture profession.

## ARTICLE III

### COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

**SEC. 5. Composition.** – The Board of Agriculture shall be composed of a Chairman and five (5) Members, each Member representing one of the six (6) fields of specializations in Agriculture enumerated in Section 28 hereof, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from a list of three (3) recommendees of the Commission for each position chosen from a list of five (5) nominees for each position submitted by the accredited professional organization of Agriculturists; Provided, that a Member representing a field of specialization has a bachelor's degree or has majored in that particular field of specialization.

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**SEC. 6. Qualifications of Board Members.** – The Chairman and Members of the Board of Agriculture shall, at the time of their appointment, possess the following qualifications:

- a. Must be a natural-born citizen and resident of the Philippines;
- b. Must at least be forty (40) years of age;
- c. Must be of proven integrity and possesses high moral and ethical values both in his personal as well as professional conduct;
- d. Must not have been convicted in a final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude;
- e. Must be a holder of at least a bachelors degree in Agriculture, preferably with a master's degree or a doctoral degree in Agriculture from a school, college or university recognized or established by the Government or from a reputable college or university abroad and has been engaged in the practice of the Agriculture profession for at least ten (10) years before his appointment;
- f. Must be a registered Agriculturist who has practiced the Agriculture profession; Provided, that the first Board Chairman and the five (5) Members, who shall be professionally qualified Agriculturists, shall be automatically registered as Agriculturists and issued certificate of registration and professional identification card upon payment of the prescribed fees and have taken the oath of a professional;
- g. Must not be connected with any school, college or university granting a degree/program that qualifies graduates of such degree for admission to the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists either as administrative official, employee or faculty member or as owner, partner or stockholder thereof, and
- h. Must not be connected with any review center or any entity conducting review classes for candidates in Licensure Examination for Agriculturists either as owner, partner, stockholder or reviewer.

**SEC. 7. Term of Office.** – The Chairman and Members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three (3) years from the date of their appointment until their successors shall have been appointed and duly qualified; Provided, that the first appointees to the Board shall hold office according to the following terms: two (2) Members, one of whom shall be designated in the appointment as Chairman, shall serve for three (3) years; two (2) Members shall serve for two (2) years and two (2) Members shall serve for one (1) year.

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When the exigency of the service demands, the incumbent Chairman and Members may be re-appointed for another term without being nominated by the accredited professional association of Agriculturist but in no case shall they serve for more than two terms or six (6) years.

In case of vacancy in the Board occurring within the term of a Member, the new appointee shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term.

**SEC. 8. Compensation of the Members of the Board.** – The Chairman and Members of the Board shall receive compensation, allowances and other fringe benefits as provided in R.A. No. 8981 (The PRC Modernization Act of 2000) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

**SEC. 9. Removal of Members.** – The President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Commission after an administrative investigation duly conducted for that purpose, may remove or suspend any Member of the Board for any of the following causes:

- a. negligence;
- b. incompetence;
- c. immoral, dishonorable or unprofessional conduct;
- d. violation of or abetting the violation of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663, the Code of Ethics for Agriculturists and the Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession, or
- e. conviction in a final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude.

The right of the respondent to due process and be assisted by counsel shall be respected and upheld. The Commission may, during the investigation, recommend to the President of the Philippines the preventive suspension of a Chairman or Member of the Board under investigation.

**SEC. 10. Powers and Functions of the Board.** – The Board of Agriculture shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To promulgate, adopt and issue rules and regulations to carry out and/or implement the provisions of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663;
- b. To give and supervise the licensure examination for admission to the practice of the Agriculture profession;
- c. To administer the oath of a professional to successful examinees in Licensure Examinations for Agriculturists and to persons qualified to register as Agriculturists without examination, in appropriate mass oath-taking ceremonies to be held for the purpose;

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- d. To register and issue certificates of registration to successful examinees in Licensure Examinations for Agriculturists and to persons found qualified to register as Agriculturists without examination;
- e. To register and issue special temporary permits, where appropriate, to foreign Agriculturists in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 hereof;
- f. To suspend or revoke the certificate of registration/professional license of a registered Agriculturist, or special temporary permit of a foreign Agriculturist for causes provided herein;
- g. To adopt an official seal of the Board;
- h. To promulgate, adopt and issue a Code of Ethics for Agriculturists and a Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession;
- i. To look into the conditions affecting the practice of the Agriculture profession and, whenever necessary, to adopt such measures as may be deemed appropriate for the enhancement or maintenance of high professional and ethical standards of the practice of the Agriculture profession;
- j. To ensure, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), that all educational institutions offering courses/programs in Agriculture and Agricultural Technology shall comply with the policies, standards and requirements of the course prescribed by the CHED in the areas of curriculum, faculty, library and other facilities;
- k. To hear/try and decide administrative cases involving violations of the provisions of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663, including the Code of Ethics for Agriculturists and Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession and, for this purpose, issue subpoena and subpoena *duces tecum* to secure the appearance of witnesses and the production of documents and to testify in connection herewith;
- l. To prepare, adopt and issue, in consultation with the academe, the syllabi or tables of specifications of the subjects for the licensure examination and, in case the need arises, to amend the same;
- m. To prescribe the guidelines on continuing professional education in coordination with the accredited professional organization, and

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- n. To discharge and perform such other duties, functions and responsibilities as may be necessary to carry out the objectives and purposes as well as the provisions of this Resolution.

**SEC. 11. Supervision of the Board.** – The Board shall be under the administrative supervision and control of the Commission. Except in matters involving administrative investigation of cases pending before the Board and matters which are ministerial in nature, all policies and actions of the Board embodied in Resolutions or other issuances shall be subject to review and approval by the Commission.

**SEC. 12. Custody of Records, Secretarial and Support Services.** – All records of the Board, including applications for examination, examination papers and results, minutes of deliberation, administrative investigations and other cases involving examinees and agriculturists shall be kept and subject to the disposition of the Commission. Test questions encoded in the Data Bank of the Chairman and Members of the Board shall remain the property of the Commission, until declassified in accordance with law.

The Commission shall provide secretarial and support services to the Board for the efficient and effective implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.

**SEC. 13. Annual Report.** – The Board shall, within thirty (30) days from the close of each calendar year, submit an annual report to the President of the Philippines, thru the Professional Regulation Commission, of its proceedings and accomplishments during the preceding year and make recommendations for the adoption of measures that will upgrade and improve the conditions affecting the practice of the agriculture profession in the Philippines.

**SEC. 14. Board, a Collegial Body.** – The Chairman and Members of the Board shall act as a collegial body in matters involving the exercise of its powers and functions as well as in the implementation of its policies. Official action on such matters by the Board shall be valid and effective only if approved by the Commission.

**SEC. 15. Meetings.** – The Board shall hold regular meetings at least once a month within the premises of the Commission or in such other places as may be agreed upon and approved by the Commission. Special meetings for not more than three (3) times a month may be called by the Chairman or any two members.

The Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Board. In his absence or incapacity, the most senior member shall act as Presiding Officer.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

**SEC. 16. Duties and Functions of the Chairman of the Board.** – The Chairman shall be the head of the Board and, as such, he shall equitably assign the subjects for examination to the Members of the Board in accordance with their

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expertise; designate and recommend members to undertake the visitorial powers of the Board. He shall also be responsible for the assignment of other duties and responsibilities of the Board to the members and for the supervision and management of their work. The Chairman shall be the official spokesperson of the Board in the Commission.

**SEC. 17. Assistance to the Board.** – The Commission shall, through its offices, divisions, sections and units, extend assistance to the Board in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663, and this Resolution and in the performance of its powers and functions, duties and responsibilities provided therein.

**SEC. 18. Promulgation of Decisions, Rules, Orders, etc.** – To promulgate a decision, resolution or order which is not interlocutory in nature in an administrative case pending before the it, the Board shall meet en banc and vote personally. The presence of four (4) members shall constitute a quorum and the votes of four members shall constitute a majority vote which shall make the decision, resolution or order valid and binding.

Any official action of the Board other than a decision, resolution or order issued in an administrative case, including actions which are not ministerial, shall be valid, enforceable and effective only after it shall have been approved by the Commission and published in the Official Gazette or newspaper of general circulation when publication is required.

Publication shall not be required of a Board's resolution, order or other issuances which are internal or not penal or disciplinary in nature or do not affect the public in general.

**SEC. 19. Meetings and Official Business with the Commission.** – Unless the presence of all Members of the Board is required by the Commission, the Chairman shall be the representative of the Board in all meetings and official businesses with the Commission. The Chairman of the Board, or in his absence or incapacity, the most senior Member thereof, shall be the representative and the spokesperson in such meetings or official businesses.

**SEC. 20. Action on Papers, Communications and Other Documents.** – The Board shall act on all papers, communications, certificates, cases or other documents within the premises of the Commission. Action on such documents outside the premises of the Commission shall be with the written consent of the Chairperson of the Commission.

**SEC. 21. Interpretation of the Provisions of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663 and the Rules and Regulations issued to implement said Resolution and the Code of Ethics for Agriculturists and the Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession, issued by the Board.** – The Board may, at first instance and in the discharge of its rule-making power, resolve issues arising from the implementation of the provisions of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663, this Resolution, its Code of Ethics for Agriculturist and Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession in the form of opinions

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issued by the Board, through its Chairman. It may also issue opinions on questions arising from the implementation of its rules and regulations and the Code of Ethics for Agriculturist and the Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession through its Chairman.

**SEC. 22. Action on Ministerial Matters.** – Matters arising from the implementation of the rules and regulations issued by the Board or communications, whose subject for action are ministerial in nature, shall be acted upon by the Chairman of the Board.

## ARTICLE V THE PRACTICE OF THE AGRICULTURE PROFESSION

**SEC. 23. Practice of the Agriculture Profession.** – The practice of the Agriculture profession is a professional service, admission to which shall be determined on the basis of the individual's personal qualifications. No firm, company, partnership, association or corporation may be registered or licensed to practice the agriculture profession; Provided, however, that persons registered and licensed as Agriculturists may, among themselves, form a firm, partnership or association using the term "Agriculturists" and obtain registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or with the appropriate agency of the Government, as the case may be. No person shall be allowed to be a member, partner or associate in such firm, partnership or association unless he is a duly registered Agriculturist.

## ARTICLE VI APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION

**SEC. 24. Examination Required.** – All applicants for registration for the practice of the Agriculture profession shall be required to take and pass the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists as provided herein.

**SEC. 25. Application.** – Each applicant for examination shall accomplish and file a computerized application form subscribed under oath accompanied by authentic or authenticated documents required by the Board in the Central Office or in the Regional Offices of the Commission in case licensure examinations are to be conducted and administered in the Regions where such Regional Offices are located.

**SEC. 26. Qualifications of Applicant for Examination.** – Each applicant for examination shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

- a. He/she is a citizen of the Philippines;
- b. He/she is of good moral character;
- c. He/she must not have been convicted in a final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude;

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- d. He/she is a graduate of a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture (General Course) or a graduate of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Major in any of the following: (1) Agricultural Administration; (2) Agricultural Chemistry; (3) Agricultural Economics; (4) Agricultural Extension and Communication; (5) Agricultural Statistics; (6) Agricultural Technology; (7) Agronomy; (8) Animal Husbandry; (9) Animal Science; (10) Biological Science; (11) Crop Protection; (12) Crop Science; (13) Entomology; (14) Food Technology; (15) Horticulture; (16) Plant Breeding; (17) Plant Pathology; (18) Post-harvest Technology; or (19) Soil Science from a school, college or university established or recognized by the Government; Provided, that a Filipino citizen who graduated from a foreign educational institution desiring to take the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists shall be required to present an endorsement from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) showing that the curriculum content of the degree/program taken by the applicant abroad is substantially the same as the curriculum content of the degree/program in the Philippines in order that he will be allowed to take the examination.

**SEC. 27. Fraudulent Application.** – The Board shall suspend or revoke a certificate of registration/professional license already issued to a registered Agriculturist including his/her professional identification card if the Agriculturist is found guilty of misrepresentation in his/her application for examination or for submitting or using fake/falsified documents attached to the application in a decision which has become final and executory.

**SEC. 28. Scope of Examination.** – The examination for Agriculturists shall basically cover the following fields of specialization in Agriculture:

- 1) Crop Science;
- 2) Soil Science;
- 3) Crop Protection;
- 4) Animal Science;
- 5) Agricultural Economics and Marketing and
- 6) Agricultural Extension and Communication

The Board may recommend to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) changes in the said subjects to conform with modern and advanced technologies in Agriculture. The Board shall not give examinations in the subjects where substantial changes have been made unless applicants for examination have enrolled and passed such subjects.

**SEC. 29. Formulation of Syllabus.** – The Board shall formulate and adopt a syllabus for each of the subjects for examination. Test questions that will be prepared and given in the licensure examination should be within the scope of the syllabus.

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**SEC. 30. Full Computerization of Examination.** – The Licensure Examinations for Agriculturists shall be fully computerized. New Members of the Board shall prepare at least five hundred (500) questions in each of the subjects he is assigned. These questions shall be inputted/encoded in the Test Questions Data Bank (TQDB) from which the questions to be given in a particular licensure examination shall be extracted at random. The TQDB for a particular subject shall be replenished within sixty (60) days from the release of the results of the examination with at least three hundred (300) questions every after examination until the number of questions in the bank has reached two thousand (2,000) questions. Thereafter, the replenishment shall be equal to the number of questions extracted and used in the examination. The correction of the answer sheets of the examinees shall be done by the computers.

**SEC. 31. Program of Examination.** – The Board shall issue and cause to be posted in the bulletin boards and in conspicuous places in the Central and Regional Offices of the Commission a program for every scheduled examination not later than thirty (30) days before the first day of the examination which shall contain the names of the examination subjects with their corresponding percentage weights, the dates, time and places of examination. The program, which shall be signed by the Chairman and Members of the Board, shall also include the instructions to the examinees including the rules and penalties for the violation of such rules.

**SEC. 32. Places and Dates of Examination.** – The Licensure Examination for Agriculturists shall, unless otherwise provided, be given at least once a year in the City of Manila and in such other places as determined by the Commission upon recommendation of the Board. The places or venues and the dates of examinations for a year shall be determined and fixed in the Master Schedule of Professional Licensure Examinations issued annually by the Commission.

**SEC. 33. Dissemination of Program of Examination.** – The dates, time and venues of the licensure examinations shall be disseminated to prospective examinees through schools, colleges and universities, public and private, offering Agriculture courses immediately after the program has been signed by the Chairman and Members of the Board.

**SEC. 34. Required Rating to Pass Examination.** – To pass the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists, a candidate must obtain a weighted general average grade of at least seventy-five (75%) percent with no grade lower than sixty (60%) percent in any given subject/s.

**SEC. 35. Removal Examination.** – An examinee who obtains a weighted general average grade of seventy-five (75%) percent or higher but obtained a rating below sixty (60%) percent in any given subject/s may be allowed to take a removal examination in the subject or subjects where he obtained a grade below sixty (60%) percent. The removal examination shall be allowed only once.

**SEC. 36. Three-Time Flunker.** – An examinee who fails to pass the examination for the third time shall be allowed to take another examination only after said examinee has taken a six months refresher course in the field/s of specialization in Agriculture where he/she failed once, twice or three times organized by a school

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or college of Agriculture established or recognized by the Government. The three-time flunker shall not be allowed to take the examination unless he/she presents or submits a certification under oath issued by the authorized official of the school or college of Agriculture certifying that the three-time flunker has successfully completed the refresher course.

For purposes of determining the three (3) failures, the first examination and the removal examination shall be considered as one examination.

## ARTICLE VII REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF EXAMINEES IN LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

**SEC. 37. Report of the Board.** – The Board shall, with the assistance of the Professional Regulation Commission through its appropriate office, prepare a report on the performance of schools, colleges or universities whose graduates took the Licensure Examinations for Agriculturists.

The Commission shall, upon recommendation of the Board, request the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) the following:

- (1) To publish the names of schools, colleges and universities, whether public or private, whose successful examinees in five (5) consecutive licensure examinations is less than five (5%) percent of the total number of candidates who took the said licensure examinations and
- (2) To close the course/program of the school, college or university whose graduates have such performance in the Licensure Examinations for Agriculturists.

## ARTICLE VIII REGISTRATION OF AGRICULTURISTS AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

**SEC. 38. Registration of Successful Examinees.** – All examinees who passed the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists shall, unless specifically deferred for cause/s by order of the Board, be registered after taking the oath of a professional before the Board or any person authorized by law to administer oath and payment of the prescribed fees.

The registered Agriculturist shall likewise be issued the professional identification card upon payment of the prescribed annual registration fee.

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**SEC. 39. Registration of Agriculturists Without Examination.** – Upon approval of the application and payment of the prescribed fees, certificate of registration/professional license and professional identification card shall be issued to the applicant for registration as agriculturist without examination who can prove to the satisfaction of the Board that he/she falls under Category A, B or C, below:

**CATEGORY A.** The applicant is a graduate of any of the following degrees in Agriculture, namely:

- (1) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (General Course)
- (2) Bachelor Science in Agricultural Administration
- (3) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Chemistry
- (4) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education
- (5) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Extension
- (6) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Extension and Communications
- (7) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Technology
- (8) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Statistics
- (9) Bachelor of Science in Agronomy
- (10) Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry
- (11) Bachelor of Science in Food Technology
- (12) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, major in any of the following:

- a) Agribusiness
- b) Agricultural Administration
- c) Agricultural Chemistry
- d) Agricultural Economics
- e) Agricultural Education
- f) Agricultural Extension
- g) Agricultural Marketing
- h) Agricultural Statistics
- i) Agronomy
- j) Animal Science
- k) Biological Science
- l) Crop Protection
- m) Crop Science
- n) Entomology
- o) Food Technology
- p) Horticulture
- q) Plant Breeding
- r) Plant Pathology
- s) Post-Harvest Technology
- t) Soil Science

from a school, college or university established or recognized by the Government, Provided, that the applicant: (1) has passed any of the civil service examinations for Agriculturists or the Career Service (Professional) examination given by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and (2) has served the agriculture industry in either the government or private sector for not less than five (5) years; Provided, further, that

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the educational qualification, civil service eligibility and service in the agriculture industry of the applicant have been obtained, acquired or earned and rendered, respectively, before the effectivity of R.A. No. 8435.

CATEGORY B. The applicant has obtained (1) any of the following degrees, namely:

- a) Bachelor of Science in Zoology
- b) Bachelor of Science in Botany
- c) Bachelor of Science in Economics
- d) Bachelor of Science in Commerce
- e) Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- f) Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology
- g) Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- h) Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy
- i) Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
- j) Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics
- k) Bachelor of Science in Statistics
- l) Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering
- m) Bachelor of Science in Biology
- n) Bachelor of Science in Food Technology, or
- o) Bachelor of Science in Education, or

(2) obtained a master's degree (without a bachelor's degree in Agriculture), major in any of the fields of specialization in Agriculture, as provided in Section 28 hereof, from a school college or university recognized or established by the Government; Provided, that the applicant in this Category has earned at least eighteen (18) units of agriculture subjects in any of the fields of specialization in Agriculture and has accomplished the following:

- (a) passed any of the civil service examinations for Agriculturists or Career Service (Professional) examination given by the CSC, and
- (b) served the agriculture industry in either government or private sector for not less than five (5) years;

Provided, further, that the educational qualification, civil service eligibility and service in the agriculture industry of the applicant have been obtained, acquired or earned and rendered, respectively, before the effectivity of R.A. No. 8435.

CATEGORY C. The applicant has obtained a doctorate degree, major in any of the fields of specialization in Agriculture, from a school, college or university recognized or established by the Government or from a reputable college or university abroad, and has accomplished the following: (1) has passed the civil service examination for Agriculturists or the Career Service (Professional) examination given by the CSC and (2) has served the agriculture industry for at least five (5) years; Provided, that the educational qualification, civil service eligibility and service in the agriculture industry of the applicant have been obtained, acquired or earned and rendered, respectively, before the effectivity of R.A. No. 8435.

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**Documentary requirements for registration as Agriculturist without examination:**

**1) Category A:**

The applicant for registration as Agriculturist without examination under this Category shall file an application subscribed under oath accompanied by the following documents:

- a) The original or certified copy of the applicant's transcript of records with the number of special order of graduation if graduated from a private school, college or university recognized by the Government showing that the applicant is a graduate of any of the degrees mentioned in Category A.
- b) The original or certified copy of the report of rating issued by the CSC showing that the applicant has passed a civil service examination in Agriculture or the Career Service (Professional) examination given by the CSC.
- c) If employed in the Government, the original or certified copy of the service record of the applicant showing that: 1) the applicant has served for at least five (5) years in a position which requires, as qualifications, the services of a graduate of a baccalaureate degree in Agriculture and a civil service eligibility in Agriculture or the Career Service (Professional) eligibility, or has served as faculty member/instructor in a school, college or university established by the Government where he/she taught agriculture subjects for at least five (5) years or, 2) if employed in the private sector, a certification under oath issued by the authorized official/officer of the firm, company, association or corporation engaged in the agriculture industry showing that the applicant has served for at least five (5) years in a position which requires the services of a graduate of a baccalaureate degree in Agriculture, or the certification under oath of the authorized official/officer of a private school, college or university recognized by the Government showing that the applicant has been appointed and served for at least five (5) years as faculty member/instructor and has taught subjects in Agriculture.

**2) Category B:**

The applicant for registration as Agriculturist without examination under this Category shall file an application subscribed under oath accompanied by the following documents:

- a) The original or certified copy of the transcript of records with the number of the special order of graduation if graduated from a

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private school, college or university recognized by the Government showing that the applicant is a graduate of any of the degrees mentioned in Category B(1) and (2) and the original or certified copy of the transcript of records showing that the applicant has completed/earned at least eighteen (18) units of agriculture subjects in any of the fields of specialization in Agriculture from a school, college or university established or recognized by the Government.

- b) The original or certified copy of report of rating issued by the CSC showing that the applicant has passed a civil service examination in Agriculture or a Career Service (Professional) examination given by the CSC.
- c) If employed in the Government, the original or certified copy of the service record showing that the applicant has served for at least five (5) years in a position requiring, as qualifications, a baccalaureate degree in Agriculture and a civil service eligibility in Agriculture or the Career Service (Professional) eligibility, or has served as faculty member/instructor in a school, college or university established by the Government where he/she taught subjects in Agriculture, or if employed in the private sector, a certification under oath issued by the authorized official/officer of the firm, company, association or corporation engaged in the agriculture industry showing that the applicant has served for at least five (5) years in a position which requires the services of a graduate of a baccalaureate degree in Agriculture, or a certification under oath of the authorized official/officer of the private school, college or university recognized by the Government showing that the applicant has been employed as instructor/faculty member and has taught subjects in Agriculture for at least five (5) years.

### 3) Category C:

The applicant for registration as Agriculturist without examination under this Category shall file an application subscribed under oath accompanied by the following documents:

- a) The original or certified copy of transcript of records with the number of special order of graduation, if graduated from a private school, college or university recognized by the Government showing that the applicant is a graduate of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture, or in Teaching Agriculture in any of the fields of specialization in Agriculture provided in Section 28 hereof, or if obtained from a college or university abroad, in addition to the transcript of records, a document issued by the authorized official of the college or university where the applicant graduated his doctorate degree in Agriculture certifying/stating that the college or university has

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been recognized or authorized to operate as such college or university or has been established by the Government of the state or country where the college or university is located.

- b) The original or certified copy of transcript of records issued by a school, college or university with the number of special order of graduation, if graduated from a private school, college or university recognized by the Government showing that the applicant is a graduate of any of the degrees in Agriculture mentioned in Category A.
- c) The original or certified copy of report of rating issued by the CSC showing that the applicant has passed a civil service examination in Agriculture or the Career Service (Professional) examination given by the CSC.
- d) If employed in the Government, the original or certified copy of the service record showing that the applicant has rendered service for at least five (5) years in a position which requires, as qualifications, a baccalaureate degree in Agriculture and civil service eligibility in Agriculture or Career Service (Professional) eligibility, or has rendered service for at least five (5) years as instructor/faculty member in a school, college or university established by the Government where he/she has taught agriculture subjects, or, if employed in the private sector, a certification under oath issued by the authorized official/officer of the firm, company, association or corporation engaged in the agriculture industry certifying that the applicant has served for at least five (5) years in a position which requires the services of a graduate of a baccalaureate degree in Agriculture, or a certification under oath issued by the authorized official/officer of a private school, college or university recognized by the Government showing that the applicant has been appointed as faculty member/instructor and has taught subjects in Agriculture for at least five (5) years.

In all the above Categories, the application shall also be accompanied by a clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) issued not earlier than six (6) months prior to the filing of the application and if the applicant is also a government employee, a clearance from the Ombudsman must also be attached to the application.

**SEC. 40. Oath of Agriculturists.** – All successful examinees in the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists, including persons found qualified to register as agriculturists without examination, shall be required to take the oath of a professional before the Board in oath-taking ceremonies held for the purpose prior to entering the practice of the Agriculture profession.

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**SEC. 41. Issuance of Certificate of Registration/Professional License and Professional Identification Card.** – A certificate of registration/professional license and professional identification card shall, after taking the oath of a professional and personally signing the Roll of Agriculturists and paying the prescribed fees, be issued to a successful examinee as well as to a person who qualified to register as Agriculturist without examination.

The certificate of registration of an agriculturist shall bear the picture of the registrant permanently attached thereon and the signatures of the Chairman and Members of the Board and the Chairperson of the Commission with the official seals of the Board and the Commission affixed thereto indicating that the person named therein is a registered Agriculturist and legally authorized to practice the Agriculture profession.

The certificate of registration shall be the license or authority of the registered Agriculturist to practice the Agriculture profession and the professional identification card shall certify that the person named therein is a professional in good standing.

**SEC. 42. Lifting of Deferment of Registration.** – If the decision rendered by the Board or the Commission on the administrative case filed against a successful examinee for violation of the rules on examination is exoneration from the charge and the decision of the Board or the Commission has become final and executory, the withholding of the results of the examination of the examinee or the deferment of the registration of the successful examinee shall be lifted.

**SEC. 43. Issuance of Duplicate or Replacement of Certificate of Registration.** – In case a certificate of registration is lost or destroyed or mutilated beyond recognition or burned, a duplicate or replacement certificate of registration, whichever is appropriate, may be issued upon application and payment of the prescribed fees.

Professional Identification Cards shall likewise be replaced in case of loss, destruction, mutilation or burning upon payment of the prescribed fees.

**SEC. 44. Grounds for Suspension or Revocation of Certificate of Registration/Professional License.** – The Board, after due notice and hearing, may suspend or revoke the certificate of registration/professional license of an Agriculturist, or cancel the temporary special permit issued to foreign Agriculturists allowed by law to practice the agriculture profession in the Philippines, if he is found to have committed any of the following:

- a) use or perpetration of any fraud or deceit in obtaining the certificate of registration or temporary special permit;
- b) incompetence;
- c) negligence;
- d) immoral, dishonorable or unprofessional conduct;
- e) malpractice or illegal practice of the Agriculture profession;
- f) abetting the illegal practice of the Agriculture profession;
- g) violation of or abetting the violation of the provisions of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663 and its Implementing Rules and

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Regulations, the Code of Ethics for Agriculturists or the Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession;

- h) submission or use of fake/falsified documents in obtaining admission to the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists;
- i) submission or use of fake/falsified documents in securing registration as Agriculturist, or
- j) submission or use of fake/falsified certificate of registration or professional identification card in securing local (government or private sector) or foreign employment.

The decision of the Board may be appealed to the Commission within fifteen (15) days from notice of judgment.

**SEC. 45. Integrated Association of Agriculturists.** – Upon registration with the Board, every agriculturist shall automatically become a member of the Philippine Association of Agriculturist (PAA), which has been accredited as an integrated professional organization of Agriculturists with PRC, and shall be qualified to receive the benefits and privileges appurtenant to such membership.

Membership in this organization/association shall not in any way diminish the right of Agriculturists to join other professional organizations whose purposes are not contrary to law.

#### ARTICLE IX REGISTRATION WITH OR WITHOUT EXAMINATION AND/OR ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY SPECIAL PERMITS TO FOREIGN AGRICULTURISTS

**SEC. 46. Practice of Foreign Agriculturists in the Philippines.** – Foreign Agriculturists desiring to practice the Agriculture profession in the Philippines shall comply with the requirements of PRC Resolution No. 98-547, as amended by Resolution No. 98-549, where applicable and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission implementing Section 7(j) and (l) of R.A. No. 8981 otherwise known as the PRC Modernization Act of 2000.

The Board shall issue Rules and Regulations providing for the procedure for the registration with or without examination or issuance of temporary special permits to foreign Agriculturists allowed by law to practice the agriculture profession in the Philippines.

**SEC. 47. Submission of Documents and Other Requirements.** – The Board may require the submission of other documents, papers, or records as may be deemed necessary to properly evaluate the qualifications of the foreign Agriculturist.

**SEC. 48. Record of Foreign Agriculturists.** – The Board shall maintain a separate record or roster of foreign agriculturists allowed registration or issued

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temporary special permits under this Section, indicating the Agriculturist's complete name, signature, place and date of birth, citizenship or nationality, status of stay in the Philippines, name of company or employer and such other relevant information as the Board or the Commission may hereafter require.

**SEC. 49. Applicability of the Guidelines Promulgated by the Commission.** – PRC Resolution No. 98-547, as amended by PRC Resolution No. 98-549, shall apply to foreign agriculturists desiring to practice the Agriculture profession in the Philippines.

## ARTICLE X SEAL OF REGISTERED AGRICULTURISTS

**SEC. 50. Seal of Registered Agriculturists.** – Every registered Agriculturist shall obtain a seal of such design as the Board shall adopt and approve, which shall be affixed to and impressed upon all documents, records, papers and/or instruments prepared by/or under the direct supervision of, or issued by a registered Agriculturist. The seal shall be surrendered to the Board by the Agriculturist after the decision suspending or revoking his/her certificate of registration has become final and executory. The seal shall be returned after the suspension of the certificate of registration has lifted or the revoked certificate of registration has been reinstated.

## ARTICLE XI CODES OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

**SEC. 51. Code of Ethics of Agriculturists.** – The Board, in consultation with the accredited integrated association of agriculturists and subject to the approval of the Commission, shall adopt and promulgate a Code of Ethics for Agriculturists.

**SEC. 52. Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession.** – The Board, in collaboration and consultation with the integrated accredited association of agriculturists and the concerned sectors and agencies of the Government, shall prepare, develop and promulgate a Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession, which shall contain, among others, the standards necessary for the effective practice of the Agriculture profession and to upgrade the practice of Agriculturists to international standards.

## ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**SEC. 53. Employment of Agriculturists.** – Firms, companies, partnerships, associations or corporations, which are doing business or engaged in the Agriculture industry shall hire or engage the services of at least one registered Agriculturist.

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The proprietor or manager of a firm, partnership, association or corporation which employs a licensed Agriculturist shall post or cause to be posted in a conspicuous place within the place of business of the firm, partnership, association or corporation the certificate of registration of the Agriculturist.

### ARTICLE XIII PROHIBITIONS, ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

#### SEC. 54. Prohibitions. –

- (1) No person shall practice the profession of Agriculture in the Philippines unless he has a valid certificate of registration as Agriculturist.
- (2) No registered Agriculturist shall stamp or affix his seal on any document after his certificate of registration has been suspended or revoked in a decision which has become final and executory.
- (3) No officer or employee of the national government, chartered cities, provinces and municipalities now or hereafter charged with the enforcement of laws, ordinances or regulations relating to the practice of Agriculture shall not accept plans, specifications, project feasibility studies and estimates and similar documents which have not been prepared and submitted in full accord with the provisions of PRC Resolution No. 2000-663 and this Implementing Rules and Regulations, nor shall any payment be approved by any such officer for any work, the plans and specifications of which have not been so prepared, signed and sealed by a duly registered Agriculturist.
- (4) No Agriculturist shall sign his name, affix his seal on plans, specifications or other documents not made by him or made under his direct supervision.
- (5) No person, without the written consent of the agriculturist who is the author of the plans and specifications duly signed, stamped and sealed by him, shall duplicate or make copies of the said documents for his use in other projects whether partly or in whole.
- (6) Except as provided herein, no firm, company, partnership, association or corporation may be registered to practice the Agriculture profession.

**SEC. 55. Enforcement.** – The Commission, through its various offices, divisions, section and units shall assist the Board in carrying out and enforcing its Rules and Regulations implementing PRC Resolution No. 2000-663. The Commission shall assist the Board, through its Office of Legal Affairs in conducting investigations/inquiries/hearings on complaints arising from violations of the provisions of this Rules and Regulations implementing PRC Resolution No. 2000-663, the Code of Ethics for Agriculturists and the Code of Standards for the Practice

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of the Agriculture Profession. If the violation constitutes a criminal offense punishable under the Revised Penal Code or any special penal law, the violator shall be prosecuted by a lawyer of the Commission duly deputized by the Secretary of Justice.

#### ARTICLE XIV ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

**SEC. 56. Administrative Investigation.** – The conduct and procedures of an investigation initiated by the Board against an applicant or examinee for the licensure examination or a registered Agriculturist shall be governed by the provisions of the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Regulation and Practice of Professionals," as amended, issued by the Commission. The pertinent provisions of the Revised Rules of Court shall be supplementary to the said rules.

**SEC. 57. Assistance to the Board.** – The Office of Legal Affairs/Services shall assist the Board in conducting its investigations of cases filed before it.

**SEC. 58. Rights of Parties in an Investigation.** – The right of the parties in an investigation to due process and be assisted by counsel as well as the other rights guaranteed under the Constitution, shall be respected and upheld.

#### ARTICLE XV APPLICABILITY OF PRC RULES AND REGULATIONS

**SEC. 59. Applicability of PRC Rules.** – The Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Commission governing the licensure and regulation of the practice of professionals shall be applicable to the licensure and regulation of the practice of Agriculturists.

**SEC. 60. Separability Clause.** – If any section, provision or paragraph hereof shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any part hereof, but such judgment shall be merely confined to the clause, provision or paragraph directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment has been rendered.

#### ARTICLE XVI EFFECTIVITY

**SEC. 61. Effectivity.** – This Rules and Regulations shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever comes earlier.

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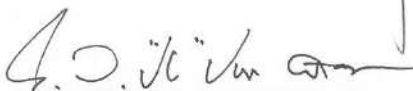
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Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002.

  
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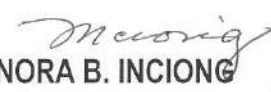
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