



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF CRIMINOLOGY
RESOLUTION NO. 03
Series of 2021

**POSTPONING AND RESCHEDULING THE JUNE 2021 LICENSURE
EXAMINATION FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS (LEC) TO DECEMBER 12, 13 & 14, 2021**

WHEREAS, Sections 10 (a) and (c) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11131 otherwise known as “The Philippine Criminology Profession Act of 2018” and Resolution No. 02 (s. 2020) or its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) provide that the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology (Board) shall exercise executive, administrative, rule-making and quasi-judicial powers; administer, supervise, and monitor the conduct of the licensure examination, registration; and promulgate and issue rules and regulations implementing the provisions of R.A. No. 11131;

WHEREAS, Section 10 (r) of R.A. No. 11131 and its IRR states that the Board shall exercise such other powers as may be provided by law as well as those which may be implied from, or which are incidental or necessary to the effective carrying out of the express powers granted to the Board to achieve the objectives and purposes of this Act;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the foregoing section, the power of the Board to administer the licensure examination necessarily includes the power not to administer the same especially on the grounds of public health, public safety and general welfare;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s. 2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) confirmed the existence of new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 including: (B.1.1.7) in the United Kingdom, (B.1.351) in South Africa, (P.1) in Brazil and (P.3) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the President approved the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) to place Metro Manila and the surrounding provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan, and Rizal (NCR Plus Bubble) under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) from March 29 to April 4, 2021;

WHEREAS, the President approved IATF Resolution No. 108-A [(s.2021) (April 4, 2021)], to extend the ECQ on NCR Plus Bubble and other cities and provinces nationwide up to April 11, 2021 and IATF Resolution No. 109-A extending the MECQ on the above-mentioned places up to April 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, the prevailing quarantine classifications at this material time could affect the licensure examination preparations considering the varying risk-based classifications per region and interzonal and intrazonal travel restrictions imposed by local government units, with due consideration to the difficulty of examinees in the processing of application requirements, transportation and mobility, and transient board and lodging prior to the examination date;

WHEREAS, the projected number of examinees for June 2021 LEC is around 30,000, which pose health and safety risks to examinees as well as examination personnel due to the probability of the ever-present danger of the examination venues becoming superspreaders of the COVID-19 virus, sacrificing a great deal of resources and logistical assurance to administer a credible licensure examination;

WHEREAS, in the light of the foregoing, there is a need to act with urgency to address the situation and to issue guidelines that will implement the statutory powers of the Board to administer the LEC while ensuring that the public health, public safety and general welfare of the examinees, examination personnel, the Chairman and Members of the Board, and others who will be assisting in the conduct of the LEC, shall be safe and secure;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby **RESOLVED**, as it now **RESOLVES**, to recommend that:

1. The LEC scheduled on June 13, 14, and 15, 2021 be postponed in the interest of public health, public safety, and general welfare as the paramount consideration, and;
2. The LEC is hereby tentatively rescheduled to December 12, 13, and 14, 2021, subject to the approval of the Commission taking into consideration the IATF recommendation and other concerns that will ensure the best interest of those involved in the conduct of the licensure examination.

Done in the City of Manila this 16th day of April, 2021.



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Resolution No. 03 (s. 2021)
RECOMMENDING THE SUSPENSION OF THE JUNE 13, 14, 15, 2021
LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS (LEC)

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