



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF MEDICINE
RESOLUTION NO. 17
Series of 2020

**RECOMMENDING STRICT HEALTH PROTOCOLS IN THE CONTINUATION OF THE
MARCH 2020 PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND QUALIFYING
ASSESSMENT FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ON
SEPTEMBER 2020 AND REINFORCING THE ESTABLISHED
SAFETY MEASURES TO BE OBSERVED THEREIN**

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8981 or the PRC Modernization Act of 2000 provides that the State recognizes the important role of professionals in nation-building and, towards this end, promotes the sustained development of a reservoir of professionals whose competence has been determined by honest and credible licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of RA No. 8981 mandates the Commission to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory boards in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission; determine and fix the places and dates of examinations; use publicly or privately owned buildings and facilities for examination purposes;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution Nos. 2019-1210 and 2020-1216 (A) on the dates and places of the professional licensure examination for calendar year 2020, with the Physician Licensure Examination (PLE) to be held on March 8, 9, 15 and 16, 2020 in the cities of Manila (NCR), Baguio, Cebu and Zamboanga and Qualifying Assessment for Foreign Medical Professionals (QA-FMP) on March 7 and 14, 2020 in the city of Manila;

WHEREAS, due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the President issued Proclamation Order No. 922 (s.2020) declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and thereafter, Proclamation Order No. 929 (s.2020) was issued placing the entire country in a State of Calamity;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1230 (s.2020) approving the recommendation of the PRC Covid 19 Task Force to cancel and reschedule the conduct of the March and April 2020 Licensure Examinations which resulted to the resetting of the PLE and QA-FMP;

WHEREAS, the new calendar schedule of the Part II of March 2020 PLE is on September 20 – 21, 2020 while QA-FMP is on September 19, 2020 pursuant to Commission Resolution Nos. 1237 and 11 (s.2020), respectively;

WHEREAS, likewise issued by the Commission are Memorandum Order Nos. 24 and 28 (s. 2020) prescribing Post Enhanced/Local Quarantine Interim Guidelines and the Guidelines on the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in the Conduct of Licensure Examinations, respectively;

WHEREAS, the primary consideration of the Commission and the Board is the safety and welfare of all examinees and examination personnel who will be exposed to health risks while participating in the conduct thereof;

WHEREAS, as there is an urgent need for physicians according to the Department of Health (DOH) to meet the requirements of the Public Health Emergency and several appeals from the examinees were received, the Commission and the Board recommended to the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID) to continue with the Part II of the March 2020 PLE as scheduled;

WHEREAS, on 23 July 2020, the IATF-EID issued Resolution No. 58 (s.2020) approving the recommendation of the Commission and the Board to resume Part II of the testing activities for the March 2020 PLE scheduled on September 20-21, 2020 with observance of the strict health protocols as may be approved by the DOH.

IN VIEW THEREOF, the Board **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend the following strict health protocols reinforcing the established safety measures in the conduct of licensure examinations:

I. COVERAGE

This Resolution shall be applied in the upcoming PLE and QA-FMP in September 2020 without prejudice to adopting relevant provisions hereof in the conduct of future licensure examination. The Board, upon approval of the Commission, reserves the right to modify the provisions as needed and in accordance with government directives.

II. HEALTH STANDARDS FOR EXAMINEES AND PRC PERSONNEL

1. Observe physical distancing of two (2) meters between examinees. Examinees shall be restricted to their assigned seat.
2. Require wearing of facemask (at least 3-ply surgical mask, preferably N95 mask) and face shield.
3. Require to bring 70% ethyl alcohol for hand disinfection

4. Submit duly accomplished informed consent (Annex A1) and health declaration (Annex A2) forms with the Notice of Admission (NOA) to the proctor immediately.
5. Mandatory RT-PCR testing from any of the DOH accredited facilities five (5) days before the examination date. The official laboratory report will be submitted to the room watcher/proctor on day of exam. No examinee shall be allowed to take the exam if the result yields a POSITIVE finding for SARs COV-2.
6. Bring your own meals (preferably pre-packed meal/snack and drink) to be eaten during breaks, while being in their assigned seats.
 - a. Windows will be opened to improve ventilation during breaks.
Note: Facemasks will only be removed when taking meals or drinks.
7. No talking and loitering in the hallways or in the examination room.
8. Bring your own ball pens, pencils, and erasers. BORROWING FROM SEATMATE IS NOT ALLOWED TO PREVENT CROSS-CONTAMINATION.
9. Decreasing the queuing time at the entrance gate:
 - a. Queuing will be staggered as indicated in the NOA.
 - b. Examinees will be given time slot to queue in front of the gate (indicated in the NOA).
 - Batch 1= 6:00 - 6:35 am
 - Batch 2= 6:30 - 7:00 am
 - Examinees will be instructed to proceed to the room assignment after screening at the entrance gate.
 - As soon as the exam is finished, examinees will be instructed to leave the premises through the designated exit gate.
10. Floor supervisor will ensure that no examinee will loiter around the hallway.

III. BUILDING REQUIREMENT FOR A UNI-DIRECTIONAL FLOW OF PEOPLE (ONE ENTRANCE- ONE EXIT)

1. The map of the building (showing layout of the entrance/exit points and comfort rooms) will be available on the official PRC website and Facebook page and shall be printed in the NOA of examinees for reference.
2. Location of comfort rooms will be indicated in the “map”
3. Examinees will be apprised regarding the specific DESIGNATED ENTRANCE and EXIT gate to be used.

4. Announcement and infographics will be provided on the following matters:
 - a. Regarding Covid-19 precautionary measures will be posted on the venue and website.
 - b. Regarding symptoms will be posted on the entrance of the building and website.
 - c. Regarding what to do if the examinee develops symptoms during the examination will also be clear and posted in the building and website.

IV. HEALTH STANDARDS AT THE TESTING VENUE PROVIDED AT THE ENTRANCE GATE

1. Foot bath with 10% Chlorine solution.
2. Temperature scan
 - a. Examinee with temperature of less than or equal to 37.5 degrees Celsius ($\leq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) will be allowed entrance into the testing venue.
 - b. Examinee with temperature of more than 37.5 degrees Celsius ($>37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) will be referred to the “supervisor”, who shall refer the concerned examinee to an onsite medical doctor for assessment. Examinee will not be allowed to take the rest of the PLE.
3. 70% isopropyl or ethyl alcohol rub shall be used for hand disinfection.
4. Hand soap or 70% ethyl or isopropyl alcohol shall be provided in all comfort rooms.
5. Proper observance of social distancing (at least two meters).
6. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the venue prior and after the examination.
7. During breaks, examinees will be restricted to their assigned seat and windows will be opened for proper ventilation.

V. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. For examinees coming from regions outside the National Capital Region (NCR) – all concerned shall abide by LGU implemented protocols and the directives issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) with regard to the interzonal and intrazonal movement of persons (i.e. RT-PCR test, Rapid test, 14-day quarantine, IATF pass, Travel pass etc.)
2. Quarantine procedure for PRC personnel transporting test materials will be established.
3. All examinees must take the Part II of the March 2020 QA-FMP or PLE scheduled on September 19 or 20-21, 2020, respectively. Should he/she fail to do so, he/she shall be allowed to take it in the immediately

succeeding scheduled QA-FMP or PLE provided that he/she has the following valid reason/s:

- a. Health Reason
 - a. The examinee shall submit his/her letter to the Commission and the Board together with a notarized medical certificate.
 - b. Travel Restriction
 - a. The examinee shall submit his/her letter to be accompanied by the official letter of restriction from the local government unit (LGU) concerned.
4. Failure to take the QA-FMP or PLE as scheduled is tantamount to failure in the missed subjects of the examinee's exam. All examinees, with valid reason and have submitted the necessary documents mentioned in item 3 above, will have a grade of "incomplete" and exam results of the first part withheld.
5. The examination programs for March 2020 PLE and QA-FMP scheduled in September 2020 are attached as Annexes B1 and B2, respectively.

VI. EFFECTIVITY

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Let copies hereof be further furnished the PRC Central and Regional Offices, the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges (APMC), the Philippine Medical Association, Inc. (PMA).


Done in the City of Manila this 11th day of August 2020.



CLARITA C. MAAÑO
Chairperson



ELEANOR B. ALMORO
Member

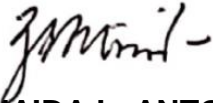


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Member

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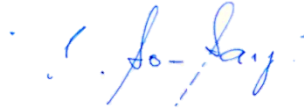
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INFORMED CONSENT
TO TAKE THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH TAKING THE
PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION/ QUALIFYING ASSESSEMENT FOR
FOREIGN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. *You are given this informed consent form because the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine (PRBOM) wish for your participation in the second-half of the QA-FMP or PLE this September 2020. You will be asked to sign this form to signify your consent in the said activity.*

INFORMATION SHEET

Introduction and Purpose of the Activity

In January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared CoVID-19 a pandemic with positive cases nearing twenty million (20,000,000) around the world without any sign of decline --- the Philippines is no exception. With the continuing upsurge of recorded cases in a day, the country needs to reinforce the number of its health workers to fight this pandemic.

Heeding the distressed call of the Department of Health as well as the various alliances of health workers/frontliners, the Commission is prepared, although with greater precaution this time, to discharge its mandate of conducting the licensure examination of future medical doctors.

Procedure

The PRC and PRBOM are instituting health safety protocols to ensure the health of all examinees and PRC personnel involved in the conduct of the examination. Among which are below whereby statistics showed that their practice will reduce CoVID-19 transmission in the following manner:

- a. 95% if you use N95 mask, 76% for surgical mask
- b. 67% if you wear face shield
- c. 90% if there is distance of 1 meter, 92% if 2 meters

(For a more detailed information, please refer to Annex A entitled “Minimum Health Standard in the Conduct of Licensure Examination during the COVID-19 Pandemic”).

Risks

By participating in the examination, it is possible that you will be exposed to CoVid-19. There is, for example, a chance that you might contract the virus while transporting to the venue. Also, albeit reduced in number, you will still be gathered in an enclosed room together with other examinees. Nonetheless, we assure you that the PRC and PRBOM will implement all safety measures promulgated under the Omnibus Guidelines of IATF and the recommendations of the scientific community to reduce the possibility of infection.

Be that as it may, you still have the responsibility to weigh risks against the benefits. Your judgment and self-determination will guide you in deciding whether to take the PLE or not.

Benefits

If you successfully pass the said exam then you will have the opportunity to serve the country in one of the most trying times in our history. Needless to say, your participation will greatly benefit the society.

Though you will travail through an extraordinary and agonizing passage, there is no greater reward and attribution than lending a helping hand to the health force in the midst of a crisis. With the precarious situation we are facing today, the much-needed augmentation of hospital workers is already a foregone conclusion.

Alternative to Participating in the licensure examination

As a rule, all examinees must take the Part II of the March 2020 QA-FMP or PLE scheduled in September. By way of exemption, if you fail to participate because of health reasons or travel restrictions, you will be allowed to take the immediately succeeding scheduled QA-FMP or PLE, provided that the requirements mentioned herein are complied with.

Agreement to Participate: If you agree to participate in the examination, please indicate so by putting your signature at the specified space below.

Thank you.

CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT

I, _____, of legal age, residing at _____ have read and understood the information contained in this form, including the possible risks therein. Despite such risks, I agree to take the second part of the March 2020 QA-FMP or Physician Licensure Examination on September ____, 2020 to be administered by the Professional Regulation Commission. I do hereby confirm and declare that I am participating in this event out of my own free will and volition.

In relation thereto, I hold PRC, as well as PRBOM, entirely free from any liability or responsibility in the event that I contract CoVID-19 during the period of the Licensure Examination on September ____, 2020.

Name of Examinee and Signature

Date

Name of Witness and Signature

Date



2020 Physician Licensure Exam HEALTH DECLARATION CHECKLIST

IMPORTANT REMINDER: *The information collected on this form will be used to determine only whether you may be infected with COVID-19. The information on this form will be maintained as confidential.*

FILL OUT ENTRIES IN BOLD LETTERS

Personal Data:

Name: _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Sex: Female Age: _____ Nationality: _____ Civil Status: _____

Male

Contact Address: _____

(HOUSE NO. & STREET)

(BARANGAY)

(TOWN/DISTRICT)

(CITY/PROVINCE)

(COUNTRY/STATE)

(POSTAL/ZIP CODE)

Mobile No/ Telephone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

Place of Work: _____

(If applicable)

Please check if you have any of the following at present or during the past 14 days:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ (oral temperature) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headache | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/Vomiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sore Throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Aches | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Weakness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty or Shortness of Breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Taste or Smell | <input type="checkbox"/> Runny Nose |

Please enumerate, if any, cities in the Philippines you have worked, lived, transited in the past 14 days. _____

Please enumerate, if any, foreign countries you have worked, lived, transited in the past 14 days. _____

Please check the appropriate box

	YES	NO
Did you visit any health worker, hospital, or clinic during the past 14 days?	[]	[]
Were you confined in a hospital or clinic during the past 14 days?	[]	[]
Do you have anyone such as household member/s or close contact/s who are currently having fever, cough and/or respiratory problems?	[]	[]

	YES	NO
In the last 14 days, have you been in close contact or exposed to any person suspected of COVID-19?	[]	[]
In the last 14 days, have you been in contact with a person confirmed with COVID-19?	[]	[]
When did this person or contact receive a positive RT-PCR test?	_____	

Have you undergone any test for SARS-Cov2 for the past 14 days? [] []

Test Type: RT-PCR Rapid Serology Antibody Test
 Cartridge-based PCR Rapid Antigen Test
 Rapid ECLIA Antibody Test Others, specify: _____

Results: Positive Negative Reactive Non-reactive
 Sample Unfit for Testing Pending

Where was the test done? _____ Date of Release: _____

(Do NOT write below this line)

TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PRC REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR ASSIGNED MEDICAL STAFF

Results of the RT-PCR Test Required by PRC: [] Positive [] Negative

Date of Release: _____

Note/Observations, if any: _____

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ORIGINAL OFFICIAL RESULT OF RT-PCR SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM

Declaration and Data Privacy Consent Form

I submit that the information I have given is true, correct, and complete. I understand that my failure to answer any question, or any misrepresentation of facts or false/misleading information given by me may be used as ground for the filing of cases against me in accordance with law. I voluntarily and freely consent to the collection and processing of the above personal information only in relation to the IATF Resolution No. 58, series of 2020, pertinent DOH directives, and PRC health and safety protocols.

Name and Signature

Date

Please be advised that the above information shall only be used in relation to the aforementioned protocols in accordance with the Data Privacy Act and Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act.

Verified by (PRC Representative/Proctor):

Signature above Printed Name

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Annex "B1"



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PROGRAM OF THE PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION
IN NCR, BAGUIO, CAGAYAN DE ORO, CEBU, DAVAO, ILOILO, LEGAZPI, LUCENA,
TACLOBAN, TUGEUGARAO AND ZAMBOANGA CITIES
ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21, 2020

DATE AND TIME

SUBJECTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
7:00 A.M. - 7:45 A.M.

GENERAL INSTRUCTION
FILLING OUT OF FORMS
SUBMISSION OF HEALTH DECLARATION,
INFORMED CONSENT, AND
COVID RT-PCR TEST RESULT

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

SURGERY AND OPHTHALMOLOGY,
OTOLARYNGOLOGY AND RHINOLOGY

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

MEDICINE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

PEDIATRICS AND NUTRITION

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC
HEALTH

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Check or verify your school/building assignments at the PRC official website (www.prc.gov.ph) or through the Notices/Announcements to be posted at the PRC premises two (2) to three (3) working days before the date of the examination.

2. Report to the school/building assignment before 6:30 A.M. on the first day of the 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.
4. Bring the following on examination day:
 - a. Notice of Admission
 - b. Official Receipt
 - c. Two or more pencils (No. 2)
 - d. Ball pens with **BLACK ink only**
 - e. One (1) piece long brown envelope
 - f. One (1) piece long transparent/plastic envelope (for keeping your valuables and other allowed items)
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. **Calculators which are programmable or with embedded functions especially CASIO FX991ES and CASIO FX-991ES plus**
 - c. **APPLE, SAMSUNG AND OTHER SMART WATCHES, CELLULAR PHONES, EAR PLUGS, TRANSMITTERS, PORTABLE COMPUTERS, BLUETOOTH AND OTHER ELECTRONIC GADGETS/DEVICES WHICH MAY BE USED FOR COMMUNICATION PURPOSES**
 - d. Bags of any kind (ladies bag, shoulder bags, attaché case, backpacks, etc.)
 - e. Other examination aids not stated on this program.
6. Per Memorandum Order No. 24 (s 2020)¹, the following precautionary measures and protocols shall be observed and implemented during the conduct of licensure examination such as, but not limited to:
 - i. All examinees shall be required to wear and bring protective face mask and alcohol-based sanitizers. For identity verification purposes and pre-examination checking of examination paraphernalia, the face mask shall be required to be properly taken off temporarily to show the examinees' face and the inner part of the facemask. Face masks during the progress of the exam shall not be allowed to be taken off.
 - ii. All examination personnel shall be provided with extra protective face masks or face shield and latex gloves.
 - iii. All examinees shall be required to queue upon entry with a one-meter distance radius from other examinees.
 - iv. Body temperature shall be taken through thermal scanners prior entry to the testing venue premises. Those with fever, cough or colds shall not be allowed entry to the testing venues. Affected examinees shall be allowed, however, to take the next licensure exam without additional cost.
 - v. Physical/social distancing among and between examinees and examination personnel during the entirety of the exam and during their entire stay at the

¹ Post Enhanced/Local Community Quarantine Interim Guidelines

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- testing venue shall be observed. Congregation, gathering or assembly within the examination rooms, hallways or any area within the testing venue shall be strictly prohibited.
- vi. All examinees shall not be allowed to go outside the examination room during break time and lunch time. All are advised to bring own packed lunch and snacks to be placed under the seats, and to be taken out only during break time.
 - vii. Proper hand hygiene shall be observed particularly every after use of the restrooms.
 - viii. Prior to entry to the examination room, examinees shall be required to sanitize their hands and their plastic envelopes with their sanitizers or alcohol.
 - ix. Prior to the distribution of the Test Questionnaires/Booklet, examinees shall again be required to sanitize their hands using their alcohol or hand sanitizers. Hand sanitizers thereafter shall be placed in the examinees transparent envelopes and shall be deposited or placed at the designated area of the examination room. The same process shall be done every start of each examination subject.
 - x. The testing venues shall be required to conduct thermal scanning procedure including the provision of sanitizing footbath and for their security personnel to implement proper COVID-19 precautionary measures.
7. Please click this link: <https://www.prc.gov.ph/article/advisory-prc-covid-19-precautions/4409> for the Advisory on PRC Covid-19 precautions.
8. Read carefully and follow the instructions on your Notice of Admission and Examinees Guide

NOTE: PRC WILL NOT BE ANSWERABLE FOR ANY ITEMS THAT WILL BE LOST.

Manila, Philippines
July 20, 2020

APPROVED:



CLARITA C. MAANO, MD
Chairperson

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**PROGRAM OF THE QUALIFYING ASSESSMENT FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL
PROFESSIONALS IN NCR ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**

DATE AND TIME

SUBJECTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

7:00 A.M. - 7:45 A.M.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTION
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2. Report to the school/building assignment before 6:30 A.M. on the first day of the 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 or the following attire every examination day:

Male Examinees - White polo shirt with collar (without any seal, logo or mark)
Decent white pants or slacks

Female Examinees - White blouse with collar (without any seal, logo or mark)
Decent white pants, slacks or skirt

4. Bring the following on examination day:
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 - b. Official Receipt
 - c. Two or more pencils (No. 2)
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 - xviii. Prior to entry to the examination room, examinees shall be required to sanitize their hands and their plastic envelopes with their sanitizers or alcohol.
 - xix. Prior to the distribution of the Test Questionnaires/Booklet, examinees shall again be required to sanitize their hands using their alcohol or hand sanitizers. Hand sanitizers thereafter shall be placed in the examinees transparent envelopes and shall be deposited or placed at the designated area of the examination room. The same process shall be done every start of each examination subject.
 - xx. The testing venues shall be required to conduct thermal scanning procedure including the provision of sanitizing footbath and for their security personnel to implement proper COVID-19 precautionary measures.
7. Please click this link: <https://www.prc.gov.ph/article/advisory-prc-covid-19-precautions/4409> for the Advisory on PRC Covid-19 precautions.
8. Read carefully and follow the instructions on your Notice of Admission and Examinees Guide.

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