



Republic of the Philippines  
Professional Regulation Commission  
Manila



**RESOLUTION NO. 1326**  
Series of 2021

**NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDUCT OF LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR DENTISTS,  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS (WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 (d) of Republic Act No. 8981 or the PRC Modernization Act of 2000 empowers the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory boards in accordance with the rules and regulations it may promulgate; to determine and fix the places and dates of examinations;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1283 (s. 2020) scheduling the licensure examinations for calendar year 2021 wherein the Dentists Licensure Examination (DLE), Dental Hygienists Licensure Examination (DHLE) and Dental Technologists Licensure Examination (DTLE) were scheduled on: May 5-7, 2021 (*Written Phase*) & May 25-28, 2021 (*Practical Phase*); May 19, 2021 (*Written Phase*) & May 20, 2021 (*Practical Phase*); and December 8, 2021 (*Written Phase*) & December 9 & 10, 2021 (*Practical Phase*), respectively;

**WHEREAS**, due to the present health crisis, the Professional Regulatory Board of Dentistry (Board) assessed the feasibility of conducting the licensure examinations based on the following considerations:

1. Safety and health concerns of the examinees and the personnel involved in the conduct of the examinations. The practical phases in these examinations require more close contact between examinees and personnel, e.g. body inspection;
2. The Board sent letters to the dental schools that will be utilized as venue for the Practical Phase of the examination. At this time, the Board received a response from one of these educational institutions and informed the Board that they are not ready to be a designated venue for DLE (written and practical);
3. The mobility of persons in areas under quarantine is still restricted. To note, one of the members of the Board resides in the province and the Practical Examination is conducted only at NCR;
4. It was noted that 20 out of 28 (71.42%) regular active members of the Council of Deans of the Philippine Association of Dental Colleges voted for the postponement of the National Licensure Examinations to be held in May 2021; and
5. The Dental Hygienists Licensure Examination requires live patients. The examinees were not trained using mannequins / models which are also not readily available in the country.

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Association of Dental Colleges recommended the postponement of the May 2021 Licensure Examinations due to the uncertainties in the conduct of the examinations brought by the threat to the health and safety of the stakeholders and the state of preparedness to accommodate the growing number of examinees, among others;

**WHEREAS**, the Board requested to have an 8-day Practical Phase of DLE in compliance with strict health protocols particularly, the observance of social distancing inside the examination room; hence, the need to adjust the schedule of the DTLE to later dates;

**WHEREAS**, the Board and Licensure Office recommend to the Commission the postponement of the conduct of the May 2021 DLE and DHLE, and the rescheduling of the DTLE;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it so **RESOLVES**, to postpone the conduct of the May 2021 Dentists Licensure Examination and Dental Hygienists Licensure Examination and to reschedule the Dental Technologists Licensure Examination;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the new schedule for the Licensure Examinations for Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Technologists, including the opening of online processing and deadlines of filing applications shall be as follows:

Resolution No. **1326** (s. 2021)  
 RESOLUTION PROVIDING NEW SCHEDULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF DENTISTS AND  
 DENTAL HYGIENISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS AND  
 DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION (WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL)

LICENSURE EXAMINATION	FROM	TO	OPENING OF ONLINE PROCESSING AND DEADLINE OF FILING APPLICATION
<b>Dentists Licensure Examination</b>	May 5-7, 2021 ( <i>Written Phase</i> )	<b>November 28, 29 &amp; 30, 2021</b> ( <i>Written Phase</i> )	August 27, 2021 until October 28, 2021
	May 25-28, 2021 ( <i>Practical Phase</i> )	<b>December 1-4 &amp; 7-10, 2021</b> ( <i>Practical Phase</i> )	
<b>Dental Hygienists Licensure Examination</b>	May 19, 2021 ( <i>Written Phase</i> )	<b>November 23, 2021</b> ( <i>Written Phase</i> )	August 23, 2021 until October 25, 2021
	May 20, 2021 ( <i>Practical Phase</i> )	<b>November 24, 2021</b> ( <i>Practical Phase</i> );	
<b>Dental Technologists Licensure Examination</b>	December 8, 2021 ( <i>Written Phase</i> )	<b>December 16, 2021</b> ( <i>Written Phase</i> )	September 16, 2021 until November 16, 2021
	December 9 & 10, 2021 ( <i>Practical Phase</i> )	<b>December 17-18, 2021</b> ( <i>Practical Phase</i> )	

Let copies of this Resolution be posted at the PRC Official website for information.

Done in the City of Manila this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
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 Chairman

  
**YOLANDA D. REYES**  
 Commissioner

  
**JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.**  
 Commissioner