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LICENSURE APPLICATIONS

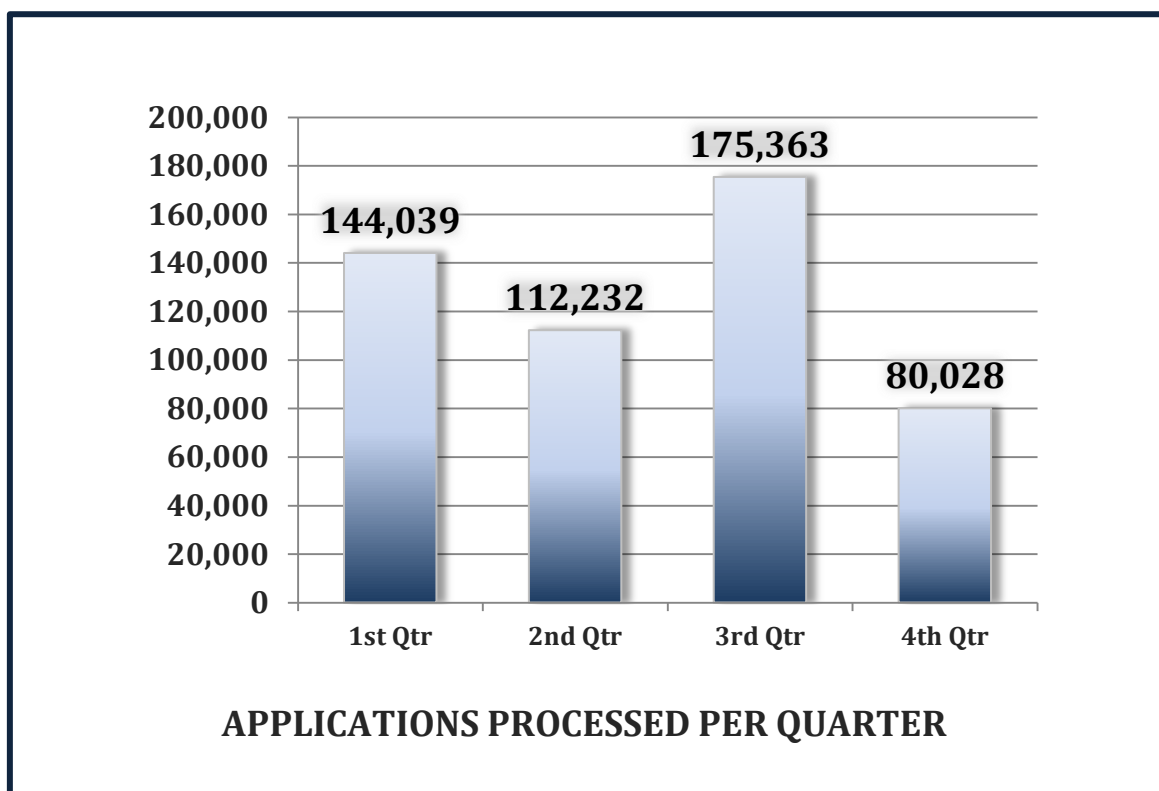
In fulfilment of its function to administer licensure examinations, for year 2017, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has processed and issued a total of 511, 662 applications for licensure in the Central and Regional Offices, including those applications without examination, which is 14% above the target of 449, 744.

100% of these applications have been acted upon within two (2) days of filing by the end of December 2017, except those which require action of the Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs).

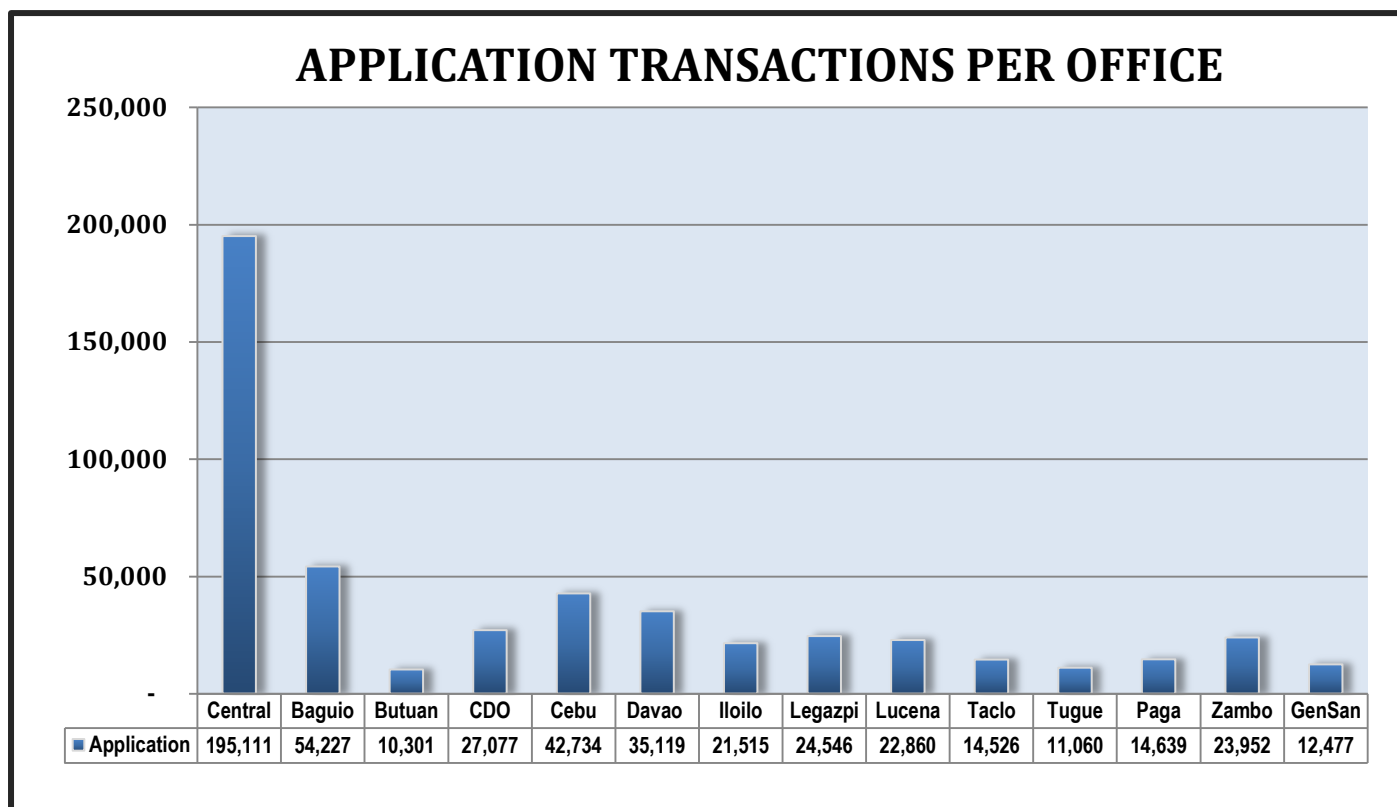
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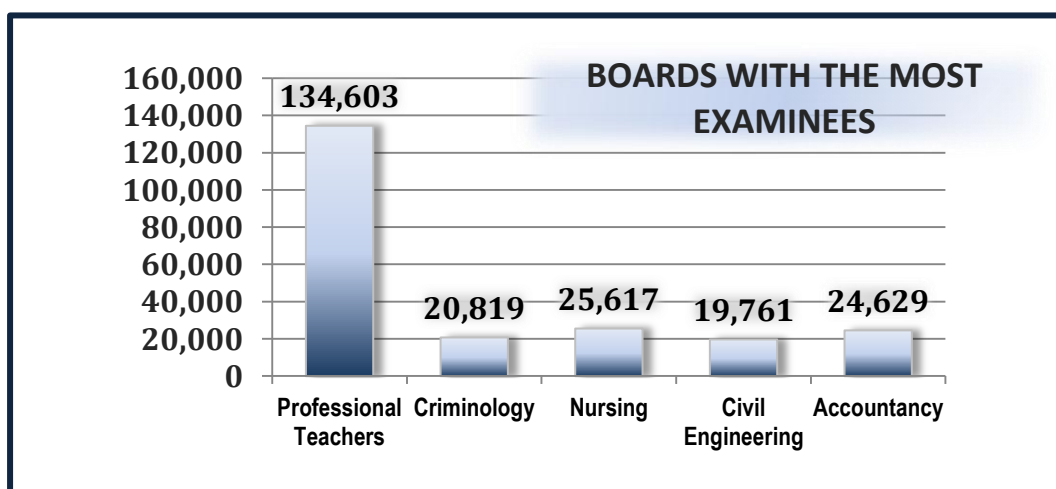
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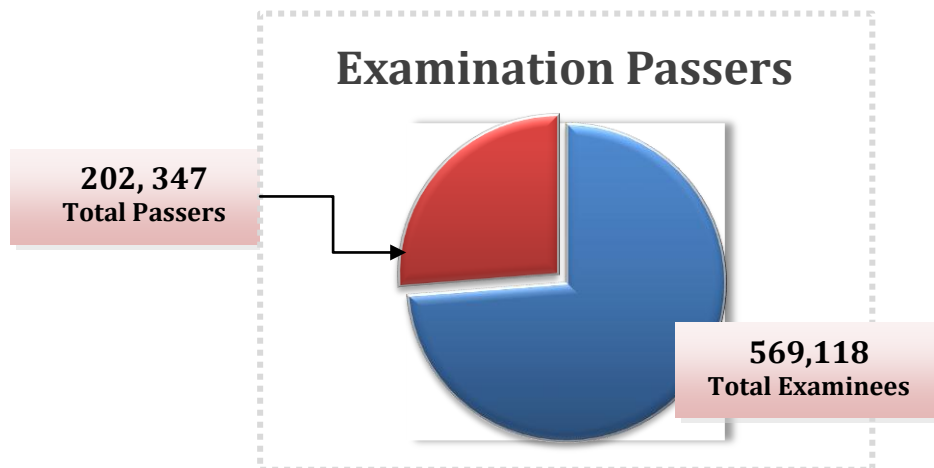
To ensure the quality, relevance, and acceptability of the test items, 60 item analyses with test consultants and 92 peer reviews have been conducted.

Within the year, 472 scam-free licensure examinations were conducted in various testing centers with a total of 569, 118 examinees.

The graph below shows the five (5) Boards with the most examinees.



Of the total examinees, 202, 347 have passed the licensure examinations.



SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATION

Recognizing the important role of professionals in nation-building and in compliance to Executive Order No. 835 dated October 6, 2009, the PRC in cooperation with other concerned government agencies conducted the yearly Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Israel for the benefits of the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs). The conduct of SPLE was also extended to the OFWs in Hongkong and Thailand. A total of 4,878 OFWs working in the said countries took the SPLE.

COUNTRY	NO. OF EXAMINEES
Abu Dhabi, UAE	1,181
Al Khobar, KSA	326
Doha, Qatar	647
Jeddah, KSA	701
Kuwait	255
Oman	81
Riyadh, KSA	720
Tel Aviv, Israel	199
Hong Kong	456
Thailand	312
TOTAL	4,878

Fifteen (15) Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) administered the SPLE. These were the Boards of Accountancy, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Dentistry, Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Environmental Planners, Master Plumbers, Mechanical Engineering, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Professional Teachers, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapy, and Veterinary Medicine.

In order to be more responsive to the needs of time, and to strengthen further the conduct of SPLE, the Commission has issued a revised guidelines on the conduct of the SPLE for the OFWs.

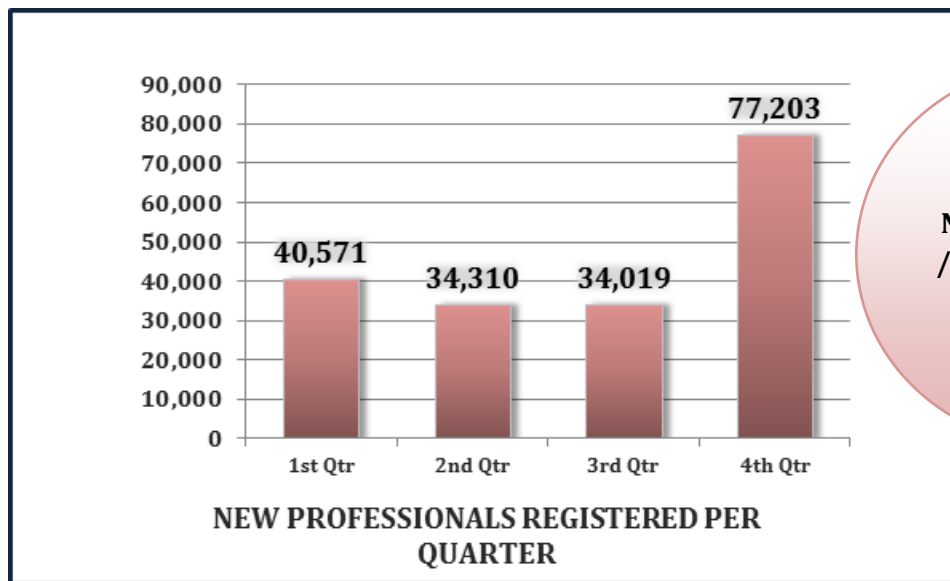
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REGISTRATION AND LICENSING SERVICES

INITIAL REGISTRATION

For 2017, a total of 186, 103 new professionals/ licensure passers have been registered, which is 96% of the target of 193, 789. The fourth quarter of 2017 had the most number of registrants with a total of 77, 203.

The graph below shows the number of initial registration transactions per quarter.



186, 103

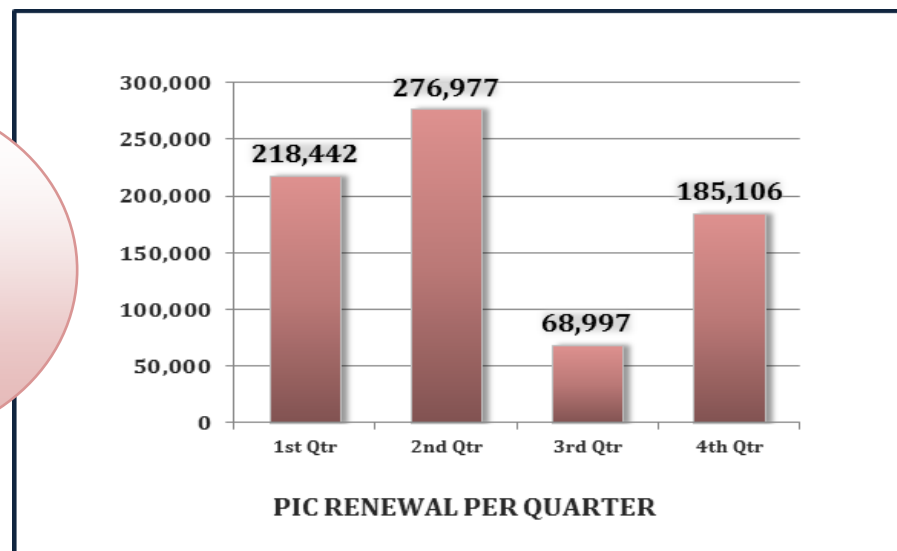
New professionals
/ licensure passers
registered
96% Achieved

RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

A total of 749,522 Professional Identification Cards (PIC) have been renewed within the process cycle time in 2017, which is 42% above the set target of 526, 046 renewal transactions.

749, 522

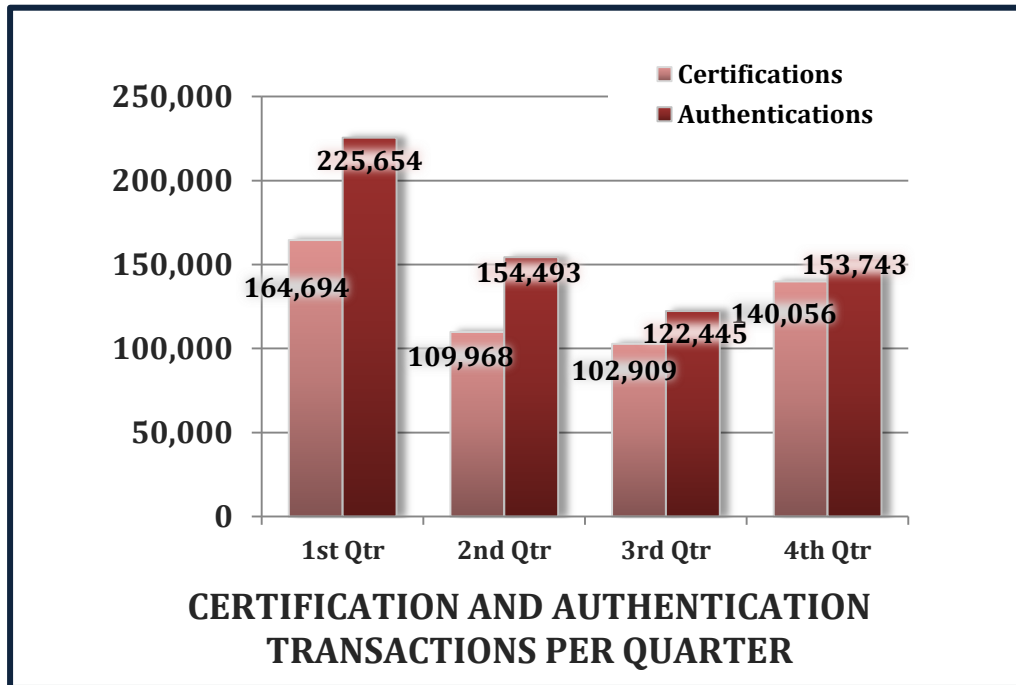
Professional
Identification
Cards renewed
142% Achieved



CERTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION

For this year, a total of 517,627 certification and 656,335 authentication requests have been acted upon/ processed, which are 5% and 14% above the set target of 491, 870 and 574, 961 transactions, respectively.

The graph shows the number of certification and authentication per quarter.



STATEBOARD VERIFICATION

Meanwhile, a total of 25, 591 Stateboard verification applications have been expeditedly processed due to the designation of additional authorized signatories.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS FOR CORRECTION, CHANGE OF DATA

The Commission also approved a total of 53,141 resolutions and orders for correction of registered name/date of birth, change of status and reversion from married to single.

ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVES/SALESPERSONS

Meanwhile, a total of 3,057 Medical Representatives and 3,192 Real Estate Salespersons have been accredited for the year.

III

REGULATIONS SERVICES

PRL-MANDATED INSPECTION

Mandated to look into the conditions affecting the practice of profession nationwide, the Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) inspected 862 firms and establishments and 292 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Metro Manila and various provinces totalling to 1,154 or 42 % more than the set target for the year.

Table below shows the number of inspections conducted by PRBs

PROFESSION	TOTAL	PROFESSION	TOTAL
ACCOUNTANCY	501	INTERIOR DESIGN	3
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING	2	LIBRARIAN	30
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING	15	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	62
AGRICULTURE	3	MEDICINE	8
ARCHITECTURE	2	METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	1
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	20	MIDWIFERY	68
CHEMISTRY	97	NAVAL ARCHITECTURE	3
CIVIL ENGINEERING	18	NURSING	19
CRIMINOLOGY	53	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	24
CUSTOMS BROKERS	6	OPTOMETRY	29
DENTISTRY	3	PHYSICAL THERAPY	6
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	12	PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS	1
ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	7	PSYCHOLOGY	17
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING	3	RADIOLOGIC THERAPY	81
FISHERIES	4	REAL ESTATE SERVICE	4
FORESTRY	6	RESPIRATORY THERAPY	11
GEODETIC ENGINEERING	3	SOCIAL WORKERS	7
GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING	10	VETERINARY MEDICINE	15
TOTAL: 1, 154			

The PRB of Accountancy has conducted the most number of inspections with a total of 501, followed by the PRB of Chemistry with a total of 97 inspections conducted.

The Accreditation and Compliance Division (ACD) processed and issued 2,547 Certificates of Accreditation to professionals engaged in Public Practice in Accountancy, Sole Practitioner/Partnership/Firms, Accounting Teachers and Commerce and Industry. A total of 218 Certificates of Compliance were also issued to firms which are in compliance to its respective regulatory laws.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a lifelong, systematic, and planned process to maintain and develop professional competence, creativity, and innovation. The CPD bill lapsed into law on July 21, 2016 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect on March 15, 2017. As a mandatory requirement for the renewal of the PIC, the Commission has disseminated information on the implementation on the required CPD required units.

Fourteen (14) PRBs have already issued their Operational Guidelines to implement the General CPD IRR of their respective professions by the end of December 2017.

PRBs with CPD Operational Guidelines

Accountancy	Environmental Planning
Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	Interior Design
Architecture	Landscape Architecture
Chemistry	Nursing
Civil Engineering	Pharmacy
Customs Broker	Professional Teachers
Electrical Engineering	Respiratory Therapy

Thirty-one (31) capacity buildings have been conducted for PRB Members, CPD Councils, Central and Regional officials and employees, and stakeholders on the CPD law and its IRR. Briefings/orientations have also been conducted for CPD monitors on November 24, 2017 (pursuant to Office Order No. 2017-680) and for accredited CPD Providers on December 15, 2017 (per Memorandum dated November 29, 2017).

For this year, a total of 758 CPD Providers and 7, 881 CPD Programs have been accredited by the CPD Councils of various professions. A total of 503, 524 professionals attended the various CPD programs conducted from January – December 2017. The numbers of CPD Providers and CPD Programs have increased more than the set target for the year and much higher compared to last year accomplishment. The number of professionals who attended the programs had also increased approximately more than 100%.

On May 22-24, 2017, the Commission has benchmarked with the Scottish Credit Qualifications Framework. The Philippine Credit Transfer for Professional Education and Training (PCPET) has been drafted, which is for further review by the Commission. The same has also been presented to the officials of CHED on October 4, 2017.



RESOLUTION OF CASES

For 2017, the Quasi-judicial services of the Commission, conducted a total of 1, 806 hearing of cases and 2,665 administrative investigations and issued 21 Decisions/Resolutions in appealed cases. Additionally, 679 administrative complaints against professionals were received and have been responded to within two (2) days after filing.

With the commitment to resolve cases at the rate of four percent (4%) within three (3) months, an average of 5.7% of cases have been resolved for the year, with the following rates per quarter: 3.40% for first quarter, 5.4% for second quarter, 6.2% for the third quarter, and 7.7% for the fourth quarter.

A significant increase in the rate of processing/resolution of cases has been observed throughout the year, which can be attributed to the Commission's steps taken to ensure the speedy disposition of cases. This includes the designation of authorized signatory of (i) interlocutory orders in appealed cases against professionals, (ii) interlocutory orders in cases against PRB Chairpersons and Members, and (iii) formal charge and interlocutory orders in cases against officials and employees of the Commission.

Further, the Commission has constituted an appeals Committee through the issuance of Office Order No. 2017-197 pursuant to Rule XVI Appeals of the 2017 Revised Rules and Regulations to prepare decisions, orders, minute resolutions, and notices of decisions, for consideration of the Commission, and issued Resolution No. 2017-1033 on the 2017 Revised Rules and Regulations in Administrative Investigations to achieve a more expeditious disposition of case filed before the Commission and the PRBs.

IV

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SERVICES

MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) and Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (MRPQ) aim to promote mobility of professionals among ASEAN member states. For this year, nine (9) professions namely Chemistry, Fisheries, Geology, Master Plumbers, Radiologic Technology, Social Workers, Midwifery, Foresters and Guidance Counseling have been targeted to have mutual recognition of professional qualifications. The PRB of Guidance Counseling was able to sign an agreement in 2017.

The table shows the status of the targeted professions to have MRPQ in 2017.

2017 – TARGET PROFESSIONS				
PROFESSIONS	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
Guidance Counseling				
Foresters				
Midwifery				
Chemistry				
Fisheries				
Geology				
Master Plumbers				
Radiologic Technology				
Social Workers				

PHASE 1: Research Phase

PHASE 2: Consultation with Stakeholders

PHASE 3: Meeting with Foreign Counterparts

PHASE 4: Approval / Signing of Instrument



For this year, a total of 72 engineers have been conferred as ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers (ACPE). One hundred two (102) ACPE applications were facilitated/ evaluated. Meanwhile, a total of 43 applications for ASEAN Architects (AA) have also been facilitated/ evaluated.

Special Temporary Permits (STPs) are issued to foreign professionals who desire to practice their profession in the country under reciprocity and other international agreements. Hence, the Commission processed and issued 610 STPs to former Filipinos who wish to practice their professions in the Philippines within a specific duration.

The Commission also provided NEDA with its recommendations on professions to be included in the proposed 2017 Negative List of Foreign Investment Act. With some Professional Regulatory Boards like the Board of Medicine, it explored the applications of the principle on reciprocity in the admission of foreign nationals.

The conduct of discussion on the development of descriptors/learning outcome relative to the PQF level descriptors have been done, and the following professions listed below have already formulated.

Criminology	Medical Technology
Customs Brokers	Midwifery
Fisheries Technology	Optometry
Forestry	Pharmacy
Guidance Counseling	Professional Teachers
Landscape Architecture	Psychology
Librarians	Social Workers
Master Plumbers	

Further, a total of 169 negotiations/ meetings and other related activities for participated/convened in various international agreements/ cooperation were conducted.

CONTINUING IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PRC/ PRB LAWS, REGULATIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

To assess the adequacy of the existing laws, regulations policies, and procedures regarding the enactment of various laws and executive issuances affecting the practice and licensing of professions, and to ensure that the same remain relevant and responsive to the needs of time, impact assessment of existing rules, regulations, and policies are undertaken.

A Charter Committee was created during the first quarter pursuant to Office Order No. 2017-68 to review the adequacy of R.A. 8981 and to respond to challenges in view of the enactment of various laws and executive issuances affecting the practice and licensing of professions, and to evaluate the Commission with respect to its governance practices, policies, and the performance of its mandates.

The Committee has since had the following issued to assist the Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) and the Commission to improve/better regulation in accordance with regulatory best practices:

1. Three (3) Memorandum Orders on the Streamlining of Procedures (i.e., STP and General) and the Classification of Administrative Issuances;
2. Resolution No. 2017-1034 on the 2017 Revised Guidelines on the Conduct of Special Professional Licensure Examinations for Overseas Filipino Workers, which strengthens further the integrity of overseas licensure examinations and adapts the DBP's internet payment;
3. PRC Resolution No. 2017-1033 (A) on the 2017 Revised Rules and Regulations in Administrative Investigations;
4. Memorandum Order No. 2017-18 on the Internal Rules to Implement the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between PRC and Securities and Exchange commission (SEC) on the Requests for PRC's Comments and/or Recommendations on the Registration of Organizations/Associations with the SEC; and
5. PRC Resolution No. 2017-1064 on the Amendment of PRC Resolution No. 2011-629 entitled "Adoption and Implementation of Remote Printing of Test Questions in Regional Offices and Overseas Testing Centers and Delivery of Test Papers to the Central Office".



Meanwhile, the IRR for R.A. 10912 (An Act Mandating and Strengthening the Continuing Professional Development Program for all Regulated Professions, Creating the Continuing Professional Development Council, and Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Related Purposes) is already completed and published on February 27, 2017, which took effect on March 2017.

Also published are the IRRs for R.A. 10587 (Environmental Planning) on 24 January, 2017, R.A. 10657 (Chemistry) on 30 March 2017, and R.A. 10918 (Pharmacy) on 15 May 2017.

IMPROVEMENT ON THE COMPUTERIZATION OF PRC PROCESSES, DEVELOPMENT OF DATABASE

The Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP) of PRC for 2018-2020 has already been approved by the Commission and endorsed to the-DICT on October 2017. The following are accomplishments with regard to technology and technological concerns for the enhancement of Commission services.

The Electronic Payment and Collection System with LERIS Enhancements has been deployed nationwide on February 25-26 and March 4-5, 2017, including the deployment thereof in Robinsons Santiago, Isabela on 12 December 2017 and the venues for mobile services (i.e., Robinsons Novaliches, Starmills-Pampanga, Robinsons Las Piñas, University of Sto. Tomas, Philippine Normal University, Arellano University, and Kidapawan City). The enhancement of the online application system, integrating the appointment system and various payment options has reduced significantly the usual six (6) steps to complete the transaction to only three (3).

The Test Question Databank System (TQDB) has already been completed and pilot tested in October 2017 during the Licensure Examination for Chemists, with the Correction and Releasing System to start after full deployment of the TQDB.

Still on its system testing phase is the Continuing Professional Development Accreditation System (CPDAS).



ENHANCEMENT OF PRC PUBLIC ASSISTANCE/ INFORMATION SYSTEM

72 HOURS COMPLIANCE

The eight (8) key frontline services of the Commission have sustained the 72 Hours Compliance, in adherence to the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA), which has been validated by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on April 19-21, 2017. These frontline services are:

1. Processing of Application for licensure examination with complete documentary requirements and issuance of Notice of Admission;
2. Initial registration of successful examinees;
3. Renewal of Professional Identification Cards (PIC);
4. Processing of the Certification of Good Standing;
5. Processing of Authentication of PICs and Board Certificates;
6. Processing of Certification of Board Rating and Passing;
7. Processing of Authentication of Board Rating and Passing; and
8. Processing of Stateboard Verification

PROCESSING OF BASIC DOCUMENTS

Still in line with the streamlining of processes and in adherence to governing policies, Memorandum Order No. 2017-28 on the Processing of Basic Documents has been issued on November 21, 2017 to serve as the guideline in expediting the processing of basic documents.

PRC HOTLINE REPORT

As a response mechanism to the query of the public, a total of 51, 431 calls were received and responded by the Commission. Queries usually include request for information on CPD, renewal process and procedures among others.

Other vital information on PRC Services may also be accessed through the Commission's website, Facebook page, and Twitter handle, through which the public may also course their inquiries/concerns. Focal persons in each of the 43 PRBs have also been designated.

A total of 9, 042 inquiries have been received and responded with accurate information within 24 hours through social media platforms.



REORGANIZATION

To enable the agency to effectively pursue its mandate and critical functions as provided by R.A. 8981 (PRC Modernization Act of 2000), a reorganization of its organizational structure and staffing pattern is necessary and is therefore being implemented.

The approved Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern (OSSP) was posted on January 9, 2017 for the Commission employees' information. To better orient the employees on reorganization process and rationale, pocket assemblies were conducted on January 10 and 11, 2017 with CSC-Field Office Director Noel V. Salumbides as the speaker.

The rules and regulations for the implementation of the OSSP (IRR) was approved and signed by the Commissioners and the Commission Chairman on January 20, 2017, after reviews and revisions made by the Reorganization Placement Committee (RPC) members and the Civil Service Commission (CSC). The same was also circularized on January 24, 2017.

Position Description Forms (PDF) for the 325 items/positions to be applied for, per the Notice of Organization, Staffing and Compensation Action (NOSCA) from DBM, were circularized on January 07, 2017. A Memorandum providing instructions and guidance on the submission of Letters of Intent (LOI), along with samples of the letters, for the first wave of personnel placement was also circularized on March 14, 2017.


The submission of Letter of Intent (LOI) was scheduled on March 17 to 31, 2017, with the encoding of the relevant information for initial evaluation of applicants conducted by the Planning and Monitoring Division as Placement Secretariat at the same time. By March 31, 244 out of the 247 eligible Commission employees have submitted their LOIs.

Within the second quarter, the appointments for positions under the new plantilla have already been forwarded to the CSC for attestation. The creation of Offices in the Central Office, new Regional Offices, and conversion of items in the Central and Regional Offices have been approved through the issuance of the NOSCA.

On July 31, 2017, the Commission has issued an Order on the adoption of the new Organizational Structure (OS). The appointments of the employees for the first wave of the reorganization have been completed in August 2017.

Meanwhile, the Regional Offices have also conducted their orientation on the reorganization process and IRR in the implementation of the new OS. The placement of employees in the 10 existing Regional Offices has also been completed and their respective New Plantilla of Personnel has been approved on September 20, 2017.

By the fourth quarter, 64 appointments for the Central Office and 70 appointments for the NCR filling up of vacant positions have been submitted to the CSC for attestation.



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and
70 appointments
for NCR
submitted to CSC**

Ongoing are the preparation for the examination for Regions III and XII Regional Office filling up of vacant positions and the request for publication of vacant positions for Regions I, IV-B and XIII Regional Offices.

A Task Force for the PRC Newly-Approved Regional Offices has also been created to aid the Commission in facilitating the operationalization of the newly-created Regional Office per the approved OSSP.

VI

INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS

The Commission, in adherence to and support of the principles of good governance and practices, and in compliance with policies that regulate the functions thereof with regard to the quality provision of services and assistance to the public, have accomplished the following:

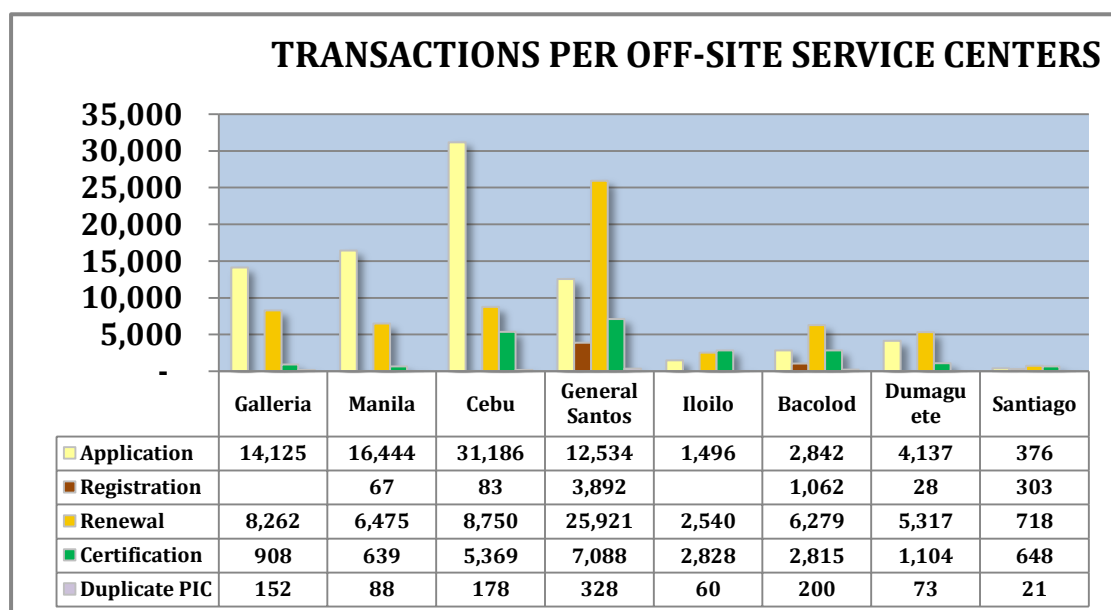
EXPANSION OF PRC OFFSITE SERVICE CENTERS

The Commission which aims to bring its frontline services closer to the Filipino professionals, with convenience and accessibility as paramount factors, five (5) PRC Service Centers have started its operations in Robinsons Malls in Iloilo, Bacolod, Dumaguete, Butuan and Santiago City, Isabela in addition to the PRC Service Centers in Quezon City, Manila, Cebu and General Santos.

Meanwhile, the Task Force conducted final jobsite inspection for the PRC Service Center in Dasmariñas, Cavite and Sta. Rosa, Laguna due for turnover in the first quarter of 2018.

On May 5, 2017, Memorandum Circular No. 2017-03 on the Adoption of the Operational Protocol for PRC Service Centers was issued to serve as a uniform guide in the overall operations and deployment of all PRC Service Centers.

With regard to transactions, the various Offsite Service Centers have served a total of **175, 336** clients for the whole year. The following is the breakdown of transactions:



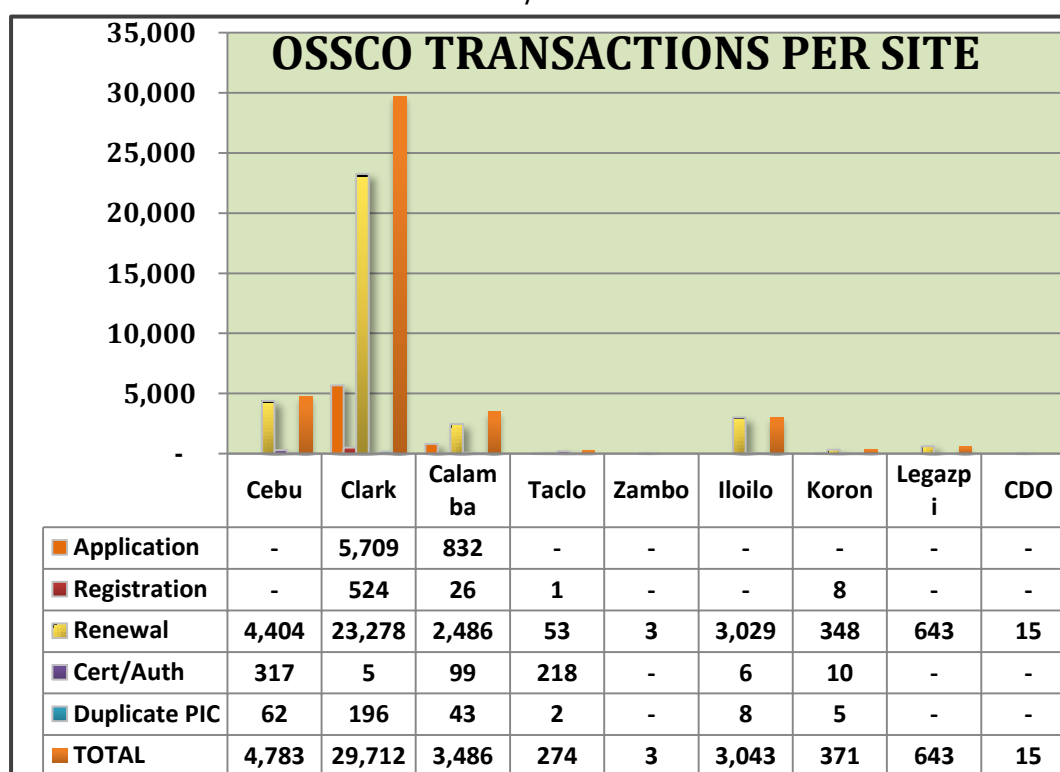
The application for examination has the most number of clients, with a total of 83, 140 applications processed throughout the year, followed by renewal of PIC, with a total of 64, 262 PICs processed.

Meanwhile, the Service Center in General Santos City has served the most number of clients, with a total of 49, 763 transactions processed, followed by the Service Center in Cebu City with a total of 45, 566 transactions.

ONE-STOP SERVICE CENTERS FOR OFWs

In compliance to the directive of President Duterte, PRC's frontline services are now available in OSSCO in the cities of Cagayan de Oro, Calamba, Cebu, Clark, Koronadal, Legazpi, Mandaluyong(POEA), Iloilo(Robinsons), Tacloban and Zamboanga to which a total of 42, 330 clients have been served.

Number of Clients per site and transactions



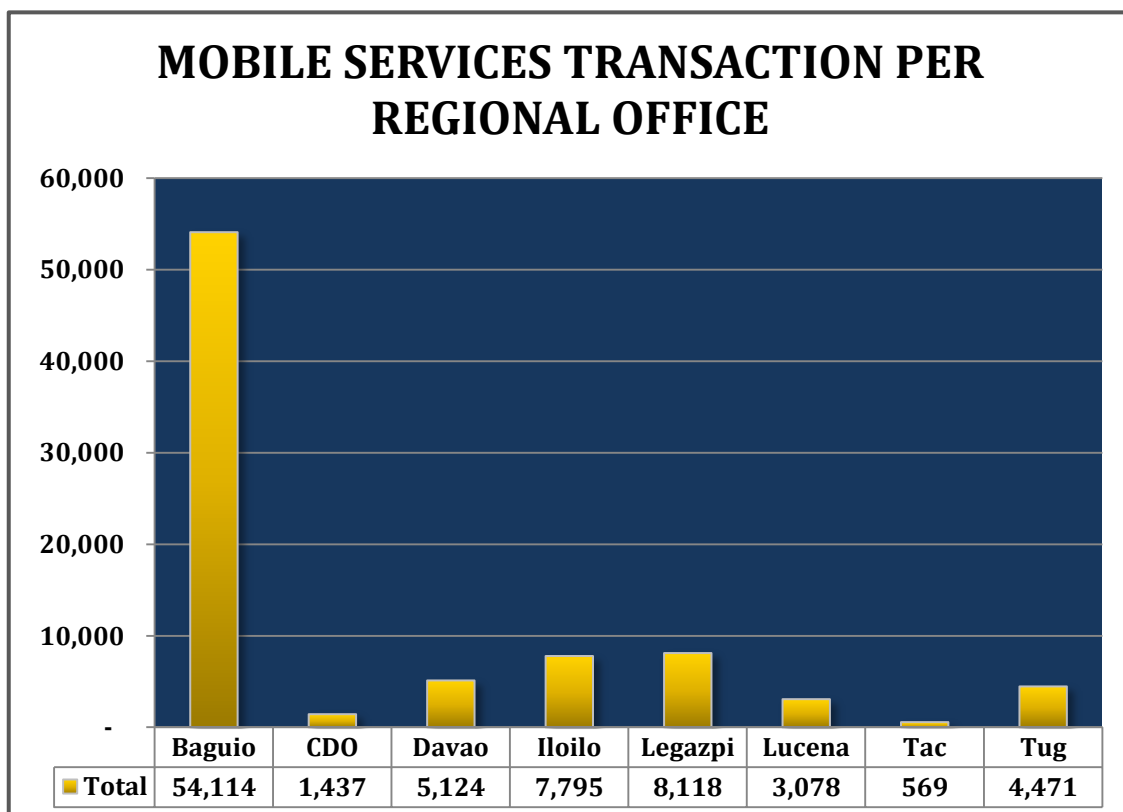
The OSSCO in Clark, Pampanga has served the most number of clients, with a total of 29, 712 transactions processed, followed by the OSSCO in Cebu City with a total of 4, 783 transactions.

Meanwhile, among the services given, the renewal of Professional Identification Cards has the most number of clients.

MOBILE SERVICES

In addition to the Service Centers that have been operational in various locations, mobile services have also been conducted in selected areas and as requested by the local government or other entity.

For this year, the mobile services conducted by the different regional Offices have catered to a total of 84,706 clients.



PRC Baguio Regional Office had the most number of clients with a total of 54,114 clients served followed by PRC Legazpi with 8,118 clients served during the conduct of mobile services.

On December 04-15, 2017, mobile services were also conducted in selected educational institutions in Manila and Quezon City and these include Arellano University, Philippine Normal University, University of Santo Tomas and Technological Institute of the Philippines-QC.

ISO CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the Commission's commitment to provide professional standards and judiciously issue professional license through quality service to the public, the Commission continuously aims to improve and maintain its efficient processes, in line with the ISO-QMS Certification Program of the Commission.

On achieving ISO Certification to Regional Offices, Stage 1 External/Third Party Audit was conducted to the four (4) Regional Offices namely: PRC Cagayan de Oro, Tacloban, Tuguegarao and Lucena. After the Stage 1 audit, the four (4) Regional Offices were recommended to proceed to Stage 2 External/Third Party Audit. The Stage 2 audit was conducted as scheduled and the four (4) offices were recommended for the issuance of the certification to ISO 9001:2015 standards once the non-conformities have been addressed and the corrective actions have been accepted by the External/Third Party Auditors.



On December 1, 2017, after being assessed as conforming to ISO 9001:2015, PRC Lucena Regional Office was awarded the Certificate of Registration which will be valid until November 30, 2020.

RENOVATION OF PRC BUILDING

The implementation of the approved capital outlay for the rehabilitation of the electrical system and renovation of the PRC Central Office Building costing around 70 million has started by the third quarter of the 2017.

To ensure an engaged workforce and satisfied clients, and in view of the renovation of the PRC Paredes building, the PICC PRC facilities have been expanded primarily to serve as work venue for the Boards, CPD councils and support staff.

VII

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PAY INCREASE FOR JOB ORDERS

In compliance with the Joint Circular No. 2017-1 dated June 15, 2017 issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Commission on Audit (COA), and CSC, an across-the-board pay increase of 20% for job order employees has been implemented by December 31, 2017, with the budgetary condition reviewed and considered.

AWARDED PROJECTS

For 2017, a total of 21 projects have been awarded, which amounted to a total of Php 75, 937, 314.99.

Projects included are procurement of materials, supplies/goods, equipment and services for the rehabilitation and renovation of the PRC Central Office buildings and premises and the PRC Data Center, outsourced services (i.e., janitorial, security, audio-visual presentation production), various IT supplies, systems/ software, licenses and equipment, various furniture and fixtures, and lease of office space.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

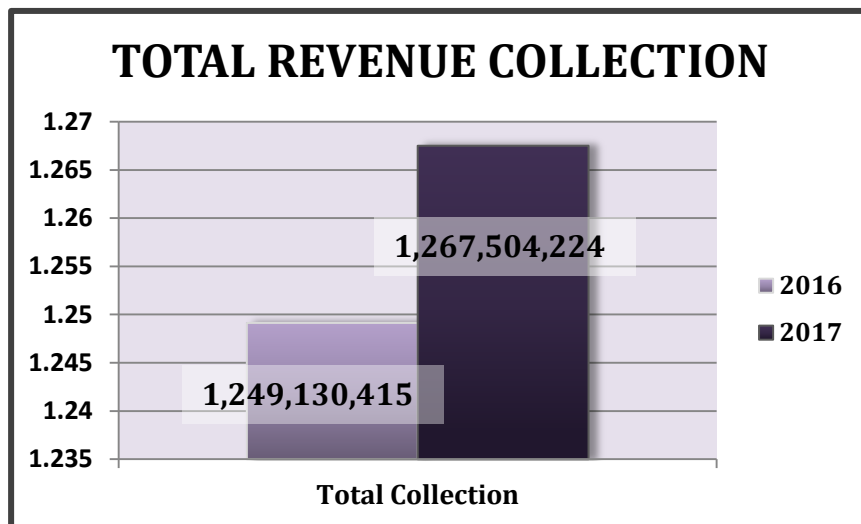
In compliance with E.O. No.2016-2 (Operationalizing in the Executive Branch the People's Constitutional Right to Information and the State Policies to Full Public Disclosure and Transparency in the Public Service and Providing Guidelines therefor), which strengthens the fundamental human right of privacy and of communication while ensuring the free flow of information to promote innovation and growth, the PRC's FOI Manual has been available since September 2017.

SPECIAL PROJECT

The Commission adopted an operational protocol to be observed in its main premises during emergencies, which shall be duplicated in regional premises.

REVENUE COLLECTION

Total collection for 2017 amounting to a total of Php 1, 267, 504, 224.00 , which is Php 18, 373, 809.00 or 1.47% more than the revenue collected in 2016.



APPROVED 2018 BUDGET

The budget of Php 841, 696, 000.00 for 2018 has been approved, which is 1.05% or Php 42, 181, 000.00 more than the approved budget for the previous year.

