

## Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



## RESOLUTION NO. <u>1260</u> Series of 2020

## POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2020 LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS INCLUDING THE NOVEMBER 2020 CUSTOMS BROKERS AND AGRICULTURISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS AND RESETTING THEREOF IN 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is empowered under Sec. 7 (d) of Republic Act (R.A.) 8981 to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory boards in accordance with the rules and regulations it may promulgate, and to determine and fix the places and dates of such examinations:

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, in Resolution No. 1210 (s. 2019) approved the schedule of the professional licensure examinations for Calendar Year 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the President declared the State of Public Health Emergency under Proclamation No. 922 (s.2020) and a State of Calamity under Proclamation No. 929 (s.2020) throughout the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, in support of the government's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Commission postponed the March to September 2020 licensure examinations through its Resolution Nos. 1230, 1235, 1241, 1243, 1245 and 1252 (s. 2020);

**WHEREAS**, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1237 (s.2020) providing for the new schedule of the March-June 2020 licensure examinations;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, in Memorandum Order No. 30 (s. 2020) prescribed the rules in the processing of applications for all cancelled/postponed licensure examinations and in the conduct thereof:

**WHEREAS**, due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in our country that lead to fear and anxiety to the health and safety of all concerned, various accredited professional organizations, the academe, and stakeholders sent letters to the Commission recommending the postponement of the conduct of the licensure examinations;

**WHEREAS**, with the anticipated complexities brought about by the ongoing health crisis that continued to pose challenges in the preparation and conduct of the scheduled licensure examinations, the Licensure Office and the PRBs with scheduled licensure examinations recommend the postponement of the conduct thereof to the Commission:

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVED to POSTPONE the conduct of the scheduled licensure examinations, as follows: Chemical Engineers, Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Metallurgical Engineers, Certified Public Accountants, Optometrists, Ocular Pharmacologists, Chemists, Chemical Technicians, Electronics Engineers, Electronics Technicians, Geodetic Engineers, Fisheries Technologists, Customs Brokers and Agriculturists Licensure Examinations, and to RESET the foregoing examinations in 2021;

**FURTHER**, that the Licensure Office shall prepare the necessary coordination to all Regional Offices, including information dissemination to all concerned.

Done in the City of Manila this \_7th\_ day of August 2020.

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR. Chairman

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Commissioner Commissioner