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RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Preliminary Article

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 and 10 of R.A. No. 5680, otherwise known as the "Philippine Physical and Occupational Therapy Law", the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated:

Part I

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Sec. 1. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

(a) Physical therapy is the art and science of treatment by means of therapeutic exercises, heat, cold, light, water, manual manipulation, electricity, and other physical agents.

(b) Physical therapy technician is a person, who not having acquired a bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy is qualified through in-service training and practical experience to assist in the application of physiotherapeutic procedures and to undertake specific assignments as directed by a qualified physical therapist in carrying out the prescription of a licensed physician. Such assignments shall be confined within the limits of a hospital or institution of employment.

(c) Rehabilitation medicine, at the patient level, is the "clinical management of the problems associated with disability with the objective of improving to the maximum level the physical, socio-economic and physiological functioning of a disabled individual. Medical rehabilitation is an integral part of total medical care. Total rehabilitation is best achieved through the coordinated work of various health disciplines like medicine, psychology, social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and hearing, nursing, vocational evaluation, dietetics, and special education."

(d) Physical therapist is a person legally qualified and licensed to practice physical therapy under this Act.

(e) Physiatrist is a legally qualified and licensed physician specializing in the practice of rehabilitation medicine.

(f) Occupational therapy is a paramedical discipline concerned with the administration of medically prescribed treatment, in the form of supervised activity, to persons disabled by disease or injury. The objective of occupational therapy is to contribute to the development of the disabled person's independence, to improve his emotional, social, and physical well-being and his ability to care for himself both at home and on the job, and to begin early evaluations and experimentation for future job training and employment.

Occupational therapy may be prescribed by a general medical practitioner or a specialist in any of the recognized branches of

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medicine and is administered under the direction of a registered occupational therapist.

(g) Occupational therapist is a legally qualified person licensed to practice occupational therapy under this Act and who by accepted academic training and professional clinical experience possesses the knowledge and skills to achieve the objectives as defined and set by the occupational therapy profession. The occupational therapist functions through the use of the basic methods, approaches and procedures of occupational therapy (creative, manipulative, educational, pre-vocational evaluation and self-care activities) which are designed to assess and develop the actual and potential abilities of the individual.

The occupational therapist plans, organizes, evaluates, and participates in a medically oriented treatment program to assist the disabled person towards physical independence, productivity, and constructive personal or social relationship.

The occupational therapist functions in general and special hospitals, rehabilitation and welfare centers, pediatric clinics, psychiatric clinics, specialized schools, geriatric institutions, home care programs, and work-adjustment units.

(h) Occupational therapy technician or assistant is a person who, not having acquired a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy, is qualified, as determined by a bona fide national professional association of occupational therapists in the Philippines through in-service training and practical experience, to function as an assistant to and under the direct supervision of an occupational therapist to assist in rehabilitating patients in hospitals and similar institutions.

(i) Disability is a loss or reduction of a person's capacity to effectively cope with the demands of his environment as a result of disease or injury, including birth trauma.

Part II

EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION

Sec. 2. Place and Date of Examination:

The examination for registration of those qualified to take the examination for the practice of physical therapy and occupational therapy in the Philippines shall be held in the City of Manila or at such other places as may be deemed necessary or expedient by the Board, beginning the first Saturday of June and December of each year for physical therapy and one week thereafter for occupational therapy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Civil Service and the President of the Philippines. Applicants shall be notified by publication and/or radio announcements of the dates and places of the examination.

Sec. 3. Filing of Applications:

a. Applications shall be made in the prescribed form with all the required documents attached therewith and no applications made otherwise shall be accepted. Applications shall be filed together with the examination fees and the requirements for ad-

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mission to the examination, with the Secretary of the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the examination. If the applicant fails to submit all the requirements for admission in the examination, he must be notified in due time of the requirements lacking in his application. His failure to comply with the requirements lacking in his application within a reasonable length of time before the date of the examination will cause the Board to disapprove his admission.

- b. The Board shall review the applications to determine whether the requirements for admission to the examination have been complied with and also whether from the transcripts of records of the applicants they have actually undertaken the subjects enumerated in the law or their equivalent, including the nine months internship in physical therapy or nine months clinical experience in occupational therapy.
- c. Each applicant shall submit with his application, 3 copies of his latest bust photograph 2 x 2 1/2 inches in size.

Sec. 4. Admission Requirements for the Examination:

In order to be admitted to the physical therapy examination or the occupational therapy examination, as the case may be, an applicant must establish to the satisfaction of the Board, at the time of the filing of his or her application, that:

- (a) He is a citizen of the Philippines. If a foreigner, he must prove that the country of which he is a subject or citizen permits Filipino physical therapists or occupational therapists to practice within its territorial jurisdiction on the same basis as the subjects or citizens of such country;
- (b) He is at least twenty-one years of age;
- (c) He is of good physical and mental health and of good moral character;
- (d) He has finished a standard academic high school course or its equivalent in a school, college or university legally established or duly recognized by the government;
- (e) He has received a degree in Physical Therapy, if he is an applicant for the physical therapy examination, from a school or university offering the course of physical therapy, duly recognized by the Government, whereby such educational institution offers the following academic subjects prior to admission in the main physical therapy course: English, Mathematics, Speech, Political Science, Social Science, Humanities, Psychology, Spanish, Physics, Zoology and Chemistry and in the main therapy course the following subjects, namely: Anatomy, Physiology, Applied Kinesiology, Introduction to Nursing, Theory and Practice of Massage, Electrotherapy, Prosthetics, Splinting, Bandaging and Plasterwork, Exercise Therapy, General Medical and Surgical Conditions, Neurological and Orthopedic Conditions, Principles of Rehabilitation, Pathology, Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation, Selected Medical and Surgical Conditions, Administration and Ethics, and Medical Psychology; or
- (f) He has received a degree in Occupational Therapy, if he is an applicant in the occupational therapy examination, or any other title of equivalent standard from a school of occupational therapy duly recognized by the Government;

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...the Board shall prepare and publish the schedule of subjects both in the written and practical examinations within the scope of the subjects of the main course of the physical therapy and occupational therapy as the case may be, to be approved by the Office of the President at least two months before the date of the examination. In case the Board will decide to change the schedule and title of the subjects to be given in future examinations, the same shall be submitted for approval by the Office of the President and shall be published at least two (2) months before the date of the coming examination.

Provided, that such institution offers the following subjects prior to admission in the main occupational therapy course, namely: English, Spanish, Humanities, Zoology, Chemistry, Sociology, Philippine History and Works of Rizal, Mathematics; and the following in the main occupational therapy course, namely: Biological Sciences consisting of Human Anatomy and Physiology, Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology, and Kinesiology (Principles of Human Motion); Behavioral Sciences consisting of Human Development, Personality Development, Group Processes, Interpersonal and Interprofessional Relationships; Physical and Psychological Dysfunction Basic, General Pathology subjects including General and Medical Conditions, Neurological and Orthopedic Conditions; Pediatrics and Psychiatry; Occupational Therapy Skills consisting of Creative and Manual Arts, Vocational and Avocational Activities, Daily Living Skills and Teaching Techniques; Occupational Therapy Orientation Evaluation and Treatment, Principles of Physical and Psychosocial Dysfunctions consisting of Organization and Administration, General Medical and Surgical Conditions, Neurological and Orthopedic Conditions, Psychology, Prevocational Assessment.

In addition to the subjects mentioned in letter (e) an applicant in the physical therapy examination must also submit an evidence or certification that he or she had completed at least nine months of internship in Physical Therapy in an adequate Physical Therapy Department of a hospital or clinic duly certified by the Department of Health. An applicant in the Occupational therapy examination must also submit, in addition to the subjects mentioned in letter (f), evidence of a clinical experience of nine months at least rendered under the supervision of a competent and duly registered occupational therapist in an accredited hospital or institution duly signed by the Head thereof, however, this requirement shall not be applicable to the first batch of examinees before the roster of registered physical therapists or occupational therapists has been established. For the first applicants in the examination a certification of the Head of hospital duly accredited by the Department of Health of the clinical experience will suffice. Clinical experience shall include the effective treatment of psychosocial and physical dysfunctions of patients of wide age range and of both sexes.

Sec. 5. Scope of Examination:

The examinations for the practice of physical therapy and occupational therapy in the Philippines shall consist of written and practical phases. The Board shall prepare and publish the schedule of subjects both in the written and practical examinations within the scope of the subjects of the main course of the physical therapy and occupational therapy as the case may be, to be approved by the Office of the President at least two months before the date of the examination. In case the Board will decide to change the schedule and title of the subjects to be given in future examinations, the same shall be submitted for approval by the Office of the President and shall be published at least two (2) months before the date of the coming examination.

SUBJECTS		RELATIVE WEIGHT
<u>Written or Theoretical Examination</u>		10%
1. Electrotherapy		15%
2. Therapeutic Exercise		15%
3. Kinesiology and Physiology, Pathology		15%
4. Gross Anatomy		15%
5. Neuro-Anatomy and Neurological Conditions		10%

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Total	100%
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For the Occupational Therapy examination, the subjects to be given in the written and practical phases are as follows:

RELATIVE WEIGHT

Theoretical Examination

1. **Basic Science I** Recommendation: submit such ratings to the President

1. Basic Science I (Human Anatomy, Neuro-anatomy, Physiology, Kinesiology) 10%

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2. Basic Science II
(Psychology, Personality, Human Development, Group Dynamics, Psychiatry) 10%
3. General Medical and Surgical Conditions, Orthopaedics, and Neurology 5%
4. O.T. in Physical Disabilities to incorporate Principles of Rehabilitation 20%
5. O.T. in Psychiatric Conditions to incorporate Principles of Rehabilitation 20%
6. Organization and Administration 5%
- Therapeutics 10%

Practical Examination

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| 1. O.T. in Physical Disabilities | 10% |
| 2. O.T. in Psychiatric Conditions | 10% |

Total	100%
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Sec. 6. Ratings in the Examination:

In order to pass the first physical therapist or occupational therapist examination, a candidate must obtain a general rating of not below seventy-five per cent in the written examination with no rating below sixty per cent in any subject and a general rating of at least 75 per cent also in the practical examination. A candidate who passes the theoretical (written) but fails in the practical examination may be permitted to take a re-examination in the practical examination only and vice-versa. Any applicant who failed in the first examination but obtained seventy-five per cent in each of at least five of the theoretical subjects may be permitted to take a second examination within one year from the date of the first examination, only on the subjects wherein he received a rating below seventy-five per cent each. In order to pass in the second examination, the examinee must obtain a rating of not below seventy-five per cent in each of the subjects repeated: Provided, That an applicant who failed in the set of subjects repeated in the second written examination must take a re-examination in all the subjects within one year from the date of the second examination: Provided, further, That should he still fail in the third re-examination, the applicant shall be required to undertake a prescribed course of study and to show proof of the completion of such course before he will be admitted to the fourth examination.

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Sec. 7. Report of Ratings in the Examination:

It is the responsibility of the examiner to rate the papers of the candidates pertaining to the subjects assigned to him. The same shall be rerated by at least one other examiner.

The Board shall, within 120 days after each examination, report the ratings obtained by each candidate to the Commissioner of Civil Service, who shall, with his recommendation, submit such ratings to the President for his approval.

Sec. 8. Issuance of Certificates:

- (a) A certificate of registration as a Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist as the case may be, shall be issued to any applicant who passes the respective examination upon payment of the required fees. The certificate shall show the full name of the registrant, indicating his name and the title of the occupation he is registered with. The same is to be signed by all the members of the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists and attested by the Secretary of the Board. The certificate shall have a serial number and must be duly authenticated by the seal of the Board.

The issuance of the certificate of registration by the Board to the registrant shall entitle the person named therein to all rights and privileges of a registered Physical Therapist or a registered Occupational Therapist, as the case may be, until such certificate shall be suspended or revoked for valid causes as provided under the law and the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

- (b) The Board may issue a duplicate certificate of registration as a Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist as

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the case may be, to replace a certificate lost, destroyed or mutilated upon petition under oath by the registrant explaining the circumstances leading to the loss, destruction, or mutilation of the original certificate. A fee shall be charged for the issuance of a duplicate certificate of registration.

Sec. 9. Registration by Reciprocity:

- (c) The Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists shall refuse to issue a certificate of registration to a person qualified under Act No. 5680 for causes mentioned in Section 23 thereof or for violation of any of the provisions in the Code of Ethics of the Board.

Sec. 9. Registration by Reciprocity:

- (a) Any Filipino physical therapist or occupational therapist holding a valid certificate of registration issued under the laws of a foreign country or state may be registered and practice his profession in the Philippines without passing an examination given by the Board provided that the requirements for registration and licensing of the said profession in such foreign country or state are substantially the same as those provided for in R.A. No. 5680.
- (b) An alien registered as a Physical Therapist and Occupational Therapist in a foreign country or holding a valid certificate as such under the laws of his country may be permitted to practice his profession in the Philippines without passing anymore an examination given by the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists or Occupational Therapists in the Philippines provided that the requirements for examination and registration for this profession in his country are substantially the same as those provided for in R.A. No. 5680; and provided further, that the laws of such foreign country or state grant the same privileges to Filipinos registered as Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists in the Philippines on the same basis as the subjects or citizens of such foreign country or state. Provided furthermore, that such alien shall have previously established a continuous residence in the Philippines for a period of not less than three (3) years as required in R.A. No. 5181.

Sec. 10. The Board may, at its discretion, issue a certificate of registration as Physical Therapy Technician and/or Occupational Therapy Technician, to any person who possesses the following qualifications:

(a) Physical Therapy Technician:

- (1) He must have completed a prescribed course for physical therapy technicians offered by the Philippine Physical Therapy Association, Inc., duly approved by this Board;
- (2) He must be at least a high school graduate or its equivalent;
- (3) He must be of legal age, and physically and mentally sound; and

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shall be qualified for the issuance of a certificate of registration or suspension of the existing certificate. The Board shall also be responsible for the issuance of the certificate of registration or suspension of the existing certificate under each of the following conditions and shall be responsible for the issuance of the certificate of registration or suspension of the existing certificate under each of the following conditions:

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(4) He must have at least 300 hours of working experience in a Physical Therapy Clinic under the supervision of a registered Physical Therapist;

(5) Notwithstanding (1) and (4) above, Physical Therapy Technicians who qualified by unassembled examination given by the Civil Service Commission on December 29, 1967, may be registered by the Board.

(b) Occupational Therapy Technicians:

(1) He must have completed a prescribed course for occupational therapy technicians offered by the Occupational Therapy Association of the Philippines, Inc., duly approved by this Board;

(2) He must be at least a high school graduate or its equivalent;

(3) He must be of legal age, and physically and mentally sound; and

(4) He must have at least 300 hours of working experience in an Occupational Therapy Clinic under the supervision of a registered Occupational Therapist;

(5) Notwithstanding (1) and (4) above, Occupational Therapy Technicians who qualified by unassembled examination given by the Civil Service Commission on June 30, 1969, may be registered by the Board.

Sec. 12. Provided that all certificates issued by the Board under this Section may be suspended, revoked or reissued, in the manner prescribed for certificates of registration as physical therapist and/or occupational therapist. Any person who has been granted a certificate for purposes of compliance with the provisions of this Act, shall be considered as registered in the Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists while said certificate remains valid and of good standing. Provided, finally, holders of certificates as Physical Therapist Technician and/or Occupational Therapist Technician shall confine their practice as technician within the limits of a hospital or institution of learning.

The fee for issuance of a certificate as Physical Therapy Technician and/or Occupational Therapy Technician is P30.00 and the annual registration fee is P2.00.

Part III

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Sec. 11. Grounds for proceeding against a registered Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist: The following shall be sufficient grounds for the revocation and/or suspension of the certificate of registration as Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist in the Philippines:

(a) Conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude;

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- referring to hearings:
- (a) Other persons or organizations concerned; interested parties or the certificate of registration;
- (b) Board, Board of Examiners and the Board of Examiners;
- (c) Board of Examiners;
- (d) Board of Examiners or Board of Examiners;

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Legal Officer assigned to the administrative case may issue a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum to the parties concerned and to any other person whose presence in the administrative investigation is necessary or indispensable to shed light in the investigation or whose testimony is very necessary to enable the Board to pass upon the issues involved judiciously, impartially and fairly. The Board may proceed to hear the complaint *ex parte* if upon due notice to the respondent he fails to answer or does not appear within the period set in the subpoena or notice of hearing.

(d) Conduct of Hearing:

Administrative investigations shall be conducted by at least the Chairman or one member of the Board and a Legal Officer of the Office of the Boards of Examiners. The procedure to be adopted in this administrative proceeding shall be the same as the procedure adopted in judicial proceedings. However, for expediency in this proceeding the technical aspects in judicial proceedings will not be observed. The proceedings shall be recorded and both parties will be accorded with all their rights as provided in the Constitution of the Philippines. Technical errors in the admission of evidence which do not affect the substantial rights of the parties shall not vitiate the proceedings.

(e) Postponements:

The Board may, upon motion duly presented by either parties in writing, grant postponement of the hearing of an administrative case only on valid grounds and shall not exceed three times.

(f) Judgment:

After the investigation is terminated, the administrative case shall be submitted to the Board for decision. The decision shall be in writing and must be signed by majority of the members of the Board and attested to by the Secretary of the Boards of Examiners. The decision shall contain clearly and distinctly the findings of facts and of law on which it is based.

(g) Withdrawal:

The complainant may, at his option, withdraw the complaint in writing and under oath. The Board, however, may in its sound discretion dismiss the administrative case or may refuse to proceed further with the investigation of the administrative case provided that the offense involved therein does not affect adversely the integrity of the profession and the public in general.

(h) Judgment shall become final and executory after the expiration of thirty (30) days from receipt of the copies of the decision of the Board in said administrative case.

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Sec. 13. Petition for Reconsideration:

- (a) Petitions for reconsideration or petitions for rehearing shall be filed within thirty (30) days after receipt of the final order or judgment or decision of the Board, otherwise the same shall not be entertained anymore. Only one petition for reconsideration or for re-hearing shall be entertained by the Board.

- (b) Grounds for petition for reconsideration or for re-hearing:

The following shall be valid grounds for entertaining petitions for reconsideration or for re-hearing:

- (1) If the decision is not in conformity with the evidence and/or facts presented;
- (2) Newly discovered evidence which could not, with reasonable diligence, be discovered or produced during the hearing of the administrative case, and which, if presented will probably alter the result of the investigation.

Sec. 14. Appeal from Judgment:

Within thirty (30) days from promulgation of all final judgments of the Board, either party to an administrative case may file directly his appeal to the Office of the President whose decision shall be final. The appellant shall notify the Board that he is appealing his case to the Office of the President and shall serve a copy of his appeal upon the adverse party or his attorney.

Sec. 15. Penalties:

- (a) The Board, after due hearing, may reprimand erring registered physical therapists or occupational therapists, or may suspend their certificates of registration for a period of not less than one year but not more than three years, or may revoke the certificate of registration of a respondent found guilty of the offense complained of.

- (b) Reinstatement:

The suspension, if any, of the certificate of a registered physical therapist or occupational therapist shall be automatically lifted provided that the respondent has served the minimum penalty of suspension for at least one (1) year and provided further that the respondent acted in an exemplary manner and has not committed any illegal, immoral or dishonorable conduct or any violation of the offenses enumerated in the law. In case a certificate of registration has been revoked, the same shall be reinstated only upon petition in writing for its reinstatement and after the respondent has served the penalty of at least (2) years from the promulgation of the decision. Provided furthermore, that the respondent acted

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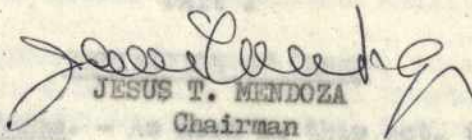
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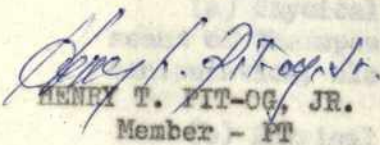
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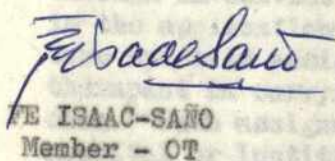
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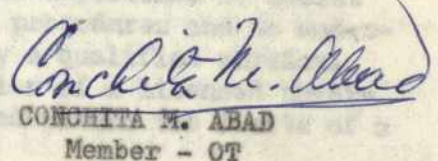

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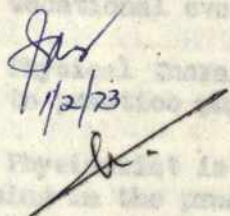

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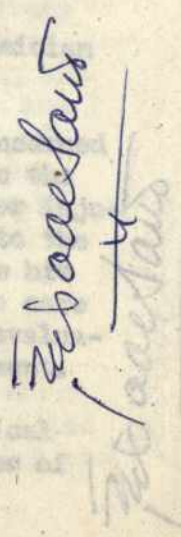

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(d) Surgeon is a person legally qualified and
licensed to practice surgery under this Act.

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specialist in the practice of rehabilitation medicine.

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