PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

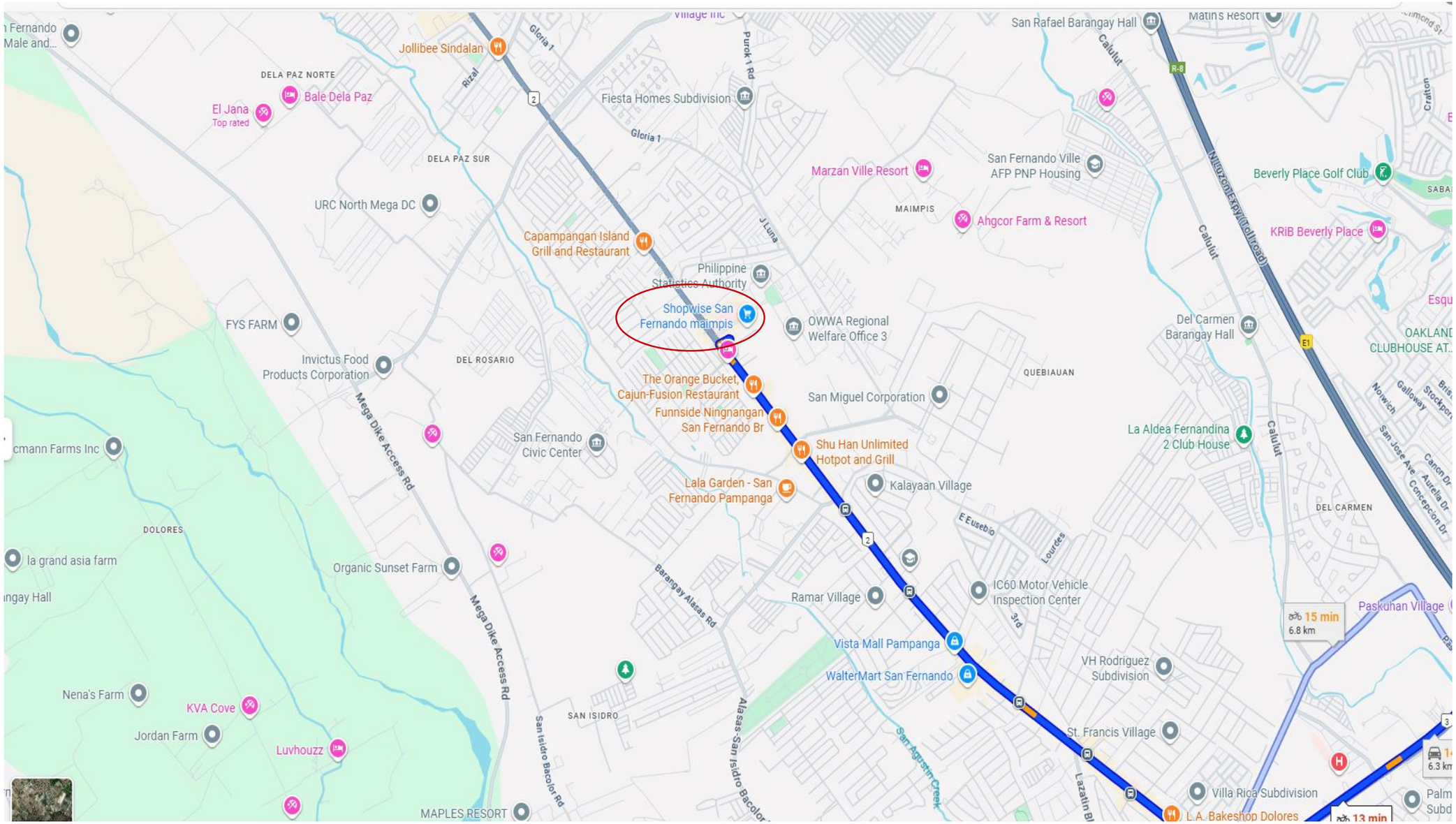
PAMPANGA (REGION III)

BAGONG PILIPINAS

COMPUTER-BASED LICENSURE EXAMINATION

PSYCHOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

ROOM ASSIGNMENT AND REMINDER



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DELA PAZ NORTE
Bale Dela Paz
El Jana
Top rated
Fiesta Homes Subdivision
DELA PAZ SUR
URC North Mega DC
Capampangan Island Grill and Restaurant
Philippine Statistics Authority
Shopwise San Fernando maimpis
OWWA Regional Welfare Office 3
FYS FARM
Invictus Food Products Corporation
DEL ROSARIO
The Orange Bucket, Cajun-Fusion Restaurant
Funnside Ningnangan San Fernando Br
San Miguel Corporation
San Fernando Civic Center
Shu Han Unlimited Hotpot and Grill
Lala Garden - San Fernando Pampanga
Kalayaan Village
Mega Dike Access Rd
DOLORES
la grand asia farm
Organic Sunset Farm
Ramar Village
IC60 Motor Vehicle Inspection Center
Vista Mall Pampanga
WalterMart San Fernando
VH Rodriguez Subdivision
Nena's Farm
KVA Cove
Jordan Farm
Luvhouzz
SAN ISIDRO
MAPLES RESORT
San Isidro Bacolor Rd
Alasas-San Isidro Bacolor
San Agustin Creek
Lazatin Bl
St. Francis Village
Villa Rica Subdivision
L.A. Bakeshop Dolores
San Rafael Barangay Hall
Matin's Resort
Marzan Ville Resort
San Fernando Ville AFP PNP Housing
MAIMPIS
Ahgcor Farm & Resort
Beverly Place Golf Club
KRiB Beverly Place
Del Carmen Barangay Hall
QUEBIAUAN
La Aldea Fernandina 2 Club House
DEL CARMEN
Paskuhan Village
15 min
6.8 km
13 min
6.3 km
Calulut
Gloria 1
Rizal
Purok 1 Rd
J Luna
E Eusebio
Lourdes
3rd
Barangay Alasas Rd
Norwich
Galloway
Stockport
San Jose Ave
Aurelia Dr
Concepcion Dr
Canon Dr
Crafton

1. Examinees may report at the examination venue as early as 5:30 AM on the first day of the examination. Late examinees will not be admitted;

2. Wear the prescribed attire as per examination program (see link below for the copy of program);

3. Bring your food and drinks for the entire day and necessary medications, including hygiene and sanitary kits in a TRANSPARENT/CLEAR containers/cellophanes. No examinee shall be allowed to leave the examination room during conduct of the examination except for restroom necessities;

4. Bring your Notice of Admission (NOA);

5. Use only the prescribed calculator, if applicable;

6. Bringing devices into the examination venue that can send messages, communicate, or take photos—such as cellphones, smartwatches, cameras, and similar gadgets—is strictly prohibited.

7. Review materials and other prohibited printed items are not allowed in the testing center premises;

8. Bags of any kind (ladies' bag, shoulder bag, attaché case, backpacks, etc.) are PROHIBITED. Please use a TRANSPARENT PLASTIC ENVELOPE to hold all items you'll be bringing to the exam, such as your NOA, valid ID, and other allowed materials;

9. Do not entertain impostors and fixers asking for money in exchange for favorable exam results;

10. Abide by the instructions provided by the room watchers and floor supervisors;

Non-compliance to any of the said protocols shall be dealt with accordingly.

To read more about the program, kindly click on this link:

https://www.prc.gov.ph/sites/default/files/Exam%20Program%20Psych%20August%202026.pdf

PAALALA SA MGA EXAMINEES

UPANG MAPANATILI ANG KAAYUSAN, KALIGTASAN, AT INTEGRIDAD NG EXAMINATION,

MAHIGPIT NA IPINAGBABAWAL

ANG PAGDALA NG MGA SUMUSUNOD NA GAMIT SA LOOB NG TESTING VENUE:

BOOKS, NOTES, REVIEW MATERIALS

DEADLY WEAPONS

BAGS OF ANY KIND

CIGARETTES & ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS

CELLULAR PHONES

BLUETOOTH EARPLUGS

SMART WATCHES

PORTABLE COMPUTERS

SMART AUDIO EYEGLASSES

HINDI PAPAPASUKIN ANG EXAMINEES NA MAY DALA NG MGA PROHIBITED ITEMS.

HINDI NA MAKAKAPAGPATULOY NG EXAM
KUNG NAHULIHAN SA LOOB NG TESTING PREMISES.

MARAMING SALAMAT PO SA INYONG PAKIKIPAGTULUNGAN.
NAGSISIGURO TAYO NG ISANG MAAYOS AT MAKATARUNGANG EXAMINATION PROSES PARA SA LAHAT.

Professional Regulation Commission
Regional Office III-Pampanga
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PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

PROGRAM FOR THE
AUGUST 19-20, 2026 PSYCHOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

AUGUST 19-20, 2026 PSYCHOMETRICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

PSYCHOLOGISTS

DATE	SUBJECTS	RELATIVE WEIGHT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026		
7:00 A.M.- 7:45 A.M.	General Instructions/ Filling out of Forms	
8:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.	Advanced Theories of Personality	20%
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Counseling and Psychotherapy	25%
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026		
8:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.	Advanced Psychological Assessment	30%
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Advanced Abnormal Psychology	25%

PSYCHOMETRICIANS

DATE	SUBJECTS	RELATIVE WEIGHT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026		
7:00 A.M.- 7:45 A. M.	General Instructions/ Filling out of Forms	
8:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.	Developmental Psychology	20%
1:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.	Abnormal Psychology	20%
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026		
8:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.	Industrial-Organizational Psychology	20%
1:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.	Psychological Assessment/Psychometricians	40%

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Check or verify your school/building assignments at the PRC official website (www.prc.gov.ph).

2. Report to the school/building assignment before 6:30 a.m. on the first day of examination to verify your room and seat number. Be punctual. Late examinees will not be admitted.

3. Examinees are required to wear the following attire every examination day:

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

   Female: White blouse or shirt with collar (without any seal, logo or mark)
   Decent skirt or pants

4. Bring the following on examination day:
   a) Notice of Admission
   b) One (1) piece metered-stamped window mailing envelope
   c) Two (2) or more pencils
   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)
   g) Packed snacks, meals, and necessary medications, including hygiene and sanitary kits, in TRANSPARENT/CLEAR containers/cellophanes, with sufficient drinking water supply for the day. The proctors/room watchers shall not allow any person, including food delivery service, to give or distribute food to any examinees while the examination is in progress. Except for restroom necessities, no examinee shall be allowed to leave the examination room during the conduct of the examination
   h) NON-PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS (Please refer to Commission Resolution No. 1809-2024 or the Updated List of Non-Programmable calculators allowed to be used in the Licensure Examinations

   NOTE: ONLY ONE CALCULATOR PER EXAMINEE SHALL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE EXAMINATION ROOM. CALCULATORS SHALL BE INSPECTED AND HAVE TO BE RESET BEFORE THE START OF THE EXAMINATION.

5. The following are **PROHIBITED** inside the examination premises.

   a) Books, notes, review materials, and other printed materials containing coded data/information/formula.
   b) **Programmable Calculators 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 TO STORE OR RETRIEVE DATA/INFORMATION AND/OR TO COMMUNICATE FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE**
   d) Bags of any kind (ladies' bag, shoulder bags, attaché case, backpacks, etc.)
   e) Other examination aids not stated in this program.

   The rules on the conduct of bodily search, inspection of personal belongings of the examinees, and the seizure/confiscation of prohibited items during the licensure exam (Annex A of PRC Memorandum Order No. 57, s. 2020) shall be strictly observed.

6. Examinees and examination personnel are encouraged to observe the minimum health standards per DOH Circular No. 0324 (s. 2023)[1] throughout the conduct of the examination

7. Read carefully and follow the instructions on your NOTICE OF ADMISSION.

NOTE: PERSONAL BELONGINGS BROUGHT BY AN EXAMINEE SHALL BE FOR HIS/HER OWN ACCOUNT. THE PRC WILL NOT BE ANSWERABLE FOR ANY SUCH ITEM OR PERSONAL BELONGING THAT MIGHT BE LOST DURING THE EXAM WITHOUT FAULT OR NEGLIGENCE ON ITS PART.

Manila, Philippines
March 02, 2026

APPROVED:

MIRIAM P. CUE
Chairperson

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTY. LOVELIKA T. BAUTISTA
Chief, PRB Secretariat Division

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CERTIFICATION INTERNATIONAL ISO 9001:2015
PAB Accredited QNS Certification Body Accreditation No: MSA-001

Resolution No. 1809
Series of 2024

UPDATED LIST OF NON-PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS ALLOWED TO BE USED IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981, or the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", empowers the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) to administer, implement and enforce the regulatory policies of the national government with respect to the regulation and licensing of the professions under its jurisdiction; administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory Boards in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated; and adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of the licensure examinations, among others;

WHEREAS, the Commission, pursuant to its powers under the same Act, issued Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 21 (s. 2009), prescribing the list of non-programmable calculators to be used by the examinees in all licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, some of the models in the list of allowed non-programmable calculators under MC No. 21 (s. 2009) are found to be outdated since most of them are phased-out and are commercially unavailable;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the importance of ensuring that the list of non-programmable calculators allowed in the licensure examinations are up-to-date and easily accessible;

WHEREAS, it is also important to have an updated list of allowed non-programmable calculators for the guidance of the Commission Regional Offices, the examinees, and other stakeholders;

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend the **Updated List of Non-Programmable Calculators Allowed to be Used in Licensure Examinations** as shown in "Annex A".

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the following additional guidelines be properly followed:

a. Only one (1) non-programmable calculator per examinee shall be allowed inside the examination room. All calculators shall be thoroughly inspected by the examination personnel every examination day.
b. Borrowing, lending and substitution/replacement of calculators while the examination is in progress shall not be allowed.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that:

a. Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) that have their own list of allowable calculators may continue to use their existing *Resolution*, which shall be clearly stated in their licensure examination program;
b. PRBs that prefer to have their own list of allowable calculators may issue their own *Resolution*;
c. PRBs may completely disallow calculators in their licensure examinations which shall be clearly stated in their licensure examination program; and

d. Calculators listed in MC No. 21 (s. 2009) that are still available in the market may be used in licensure examinations, with the exception of that mentioned in MC No. 01 (s. 2018) on "*Disallowing the Use of Casio Calculator FX-991ES and FX 991ES Plus in the Licensure Examinations, and other Special Rules on the Use of Calculators during the Licensure Examinations*" and Casio Calculator FX-570ES Plus which has been repeatedly discovered to have been used for cheating by, but not limited to, being modified to transmit and receive data.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately following its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation and the submission of a copy thereof to the Office of the National Administrative Register of the University of the Philippines.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of April 2024.

CHARITO A. ZAMORA
Chairperson

JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner

ERWIN M. ENAD
Commissioner

DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE
BUSINESS MIRROR APR 2 9 2024
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ANNEX "A"

I. CASIO SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

Fx-95MS	Fx-122S	Fx-350HA	Fx-82ES PLUS
Fx-100D	Fx-220	Fx-350MS	Fx-85MS
Fx-100MS	Fx-250HC	Fx-350TL	Fx-85W
Fx-100S	Fx-260	Fx-570AD	Fx-901
Fx-100W	Fx-300W	Fx-570MS	Fx-911W
Fx-115MS	Fx-350D	Fx-570S	Fx-991S
Fx-115S	Fx-350ES PLUS	Fx-570W	Fx-991W
Fx-115WA	Fx-350EX	Fx-82EX	

II. CANON SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

F-502	F-710	F-718SG	F-720i
F-502G	F-718S	F-718SGA	F-760S
F-604	F-718SA	F-720	F-789SGA (with transparent casing)

III. SHARP SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

EL-500W	EL-506W	EL-510R	EL-531XH
EL-501V	EL-509D	EL-520G	EL-531W
EL-501W	EL-509R	EL-520VA	EL-546L
EL-501X	EL-509V	EL-520W	EL-546VA
EL-506P	EL-509W	EL-520X	EL-556G
EL-506V	EL-509X	EL-531VH	EL-W531TH-WH (with transparent casing)

IV. HEWLETT-PACKARD SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

HP 9S	HP 10S	HP 30S	HP Smartcalc 300S

V. CITIZEN SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

SR-135N	SR-260N	SR-270N	SR-270X	SR-281N

VI. AURORA SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

AX-501	AX-528BL	AX-595TV	AX-597W	AX-600S

VII. OLYMPIA SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

LCD 8110	LCD 9210	ES-570MS	ES-570ES PLUS (with transparent casing)

VIII. TEXAS INSTRUMENTS SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

TI-30XA	TI-30XIIS	TI-30XS	TI-34	TI-36X PRO

IX. OTHER BRANDS

KARCE KC-S991	KARCE KC-S3500
PORPO YH-105	PORPO YH-106
TAKSUN TS-98MS	TAKSUN TS-2000

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION
Memorandum Order No. **57**
Series of 2020
September 07, 2020

TO: **PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS (BOARDS)**

CONCERNED OFFICES/DIVISIONS IN THE CENTRAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES

RE: **EXAMINATION MEASURES**

I. *LEGAL BASES:*

Republic Act No. 8981[1] mandates the Professional Regulatory Boards (Boards) to regulate the practice of their professions in accordance with the provisions of their respective professional regulatory laws. Corollary to the Boards' regulatory mandate is the power to admit or exclude certain individuals from the practice. The Boards are, as such, vested with the power and duty to hear and investigate cases arising from violations of the professional regulatory laws, rules and regulations, *including violations of the general and special instructions to examinees*, among others.[2]

Incidental in the implementation of security measures during the conduct of the licensure exams is the inspection of the examinees and the personal belongings that they bring inside the exam venues. While the Constitution guarantees the right of an individual against unreasonable searches and seizures, it does not forbid those which are carried out for valid reasons and in a lawful manner. There are at least two (2) justifications that will uphold the reasonableness of the bodily search and inspection of the personal belongings of examinees, namely: to ensure the safety of the examinees and the exam personnel and to safeguard the integrity of the licensure exams.

II. *DEFINITION OF TERMS:*

As used in this Memorandum Order, the following terminologies shall be construed to mean as:

a. *Moral Turpitude* refers to an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the private and social duties which a man owes to his fellowmen, or to the society in general, contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between men and conduct that is contrary to justice, modesty, or good morals.[3]

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[1] PRC Modernization Act of 2000
[2] Section 9, RA No. 8981
[3] *Tak Ng v Republic (106 Phil 727); Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) v Librado (AM No. P-94- 1089, 22 August 1996)* (Examples of crime involving moral turpitude: abduction with consent, bigamy, concubinage, smuggling, rape, attempted bribery, profiteering, robbery, murder, estafa, theft, illicit sexual relations with a fellow worker, violation of Batas Pambansa Blg. 22, intriguing against honor, violation of the Anti-Fencing Law, violation of the Dangerous Drugs Act, perjury, forgery, direct bribery, frustrated homicide, adultery, arson, evasion of income tax, barratry, blackmail, bribery, duelling, embezzlement, extortion, forgery, libel, making fraudulent proof of loss on insurance contract, mutilation of public records, fabrication of evidence, offenses against pension laws, perjury, seduction under the promise of marri*age, estafa, falsification of public document, and estafa thru falsification of public document) (*OCA v Presiding Judge Joseph Cedrick O. Ruiz, Am No. RTJ-13-2361, 02 February 2016*)

b. *Cheating* refers to any act or omission which is designed or calculated to impair the integrity and credibility of the licensure exam, and which shall *include but not be limited to the following*:

- Impersonation or employing another person to take the exam in his/her behalf;
- leakage of exam questions, including the act of taking out from the exam room any question in the exam, copying and/or divulging the content of the exam to any individual or entity;
- collusion with any exam personnel of the Commission or third person for the purpose of obtaining favorable results in the exam or gaining access thereto through illegal means;
- possession or use of *codigo*, crib sheets or other exam paraphernalia such as books, notes, review materials, and other printed materials containing principles or excerpts thereof, coded data/information/formula that are not authorized by the Board; prohibited calculators (including programmable calculators, calculators with embedded functions and specific calculator models as may be prescribed by the Board); cellular phones; Bluetooth earplugs; transmitters; beepers; smart watches; portable computers or other similar electronic gadgets/devices which have photographic features or which are capable of communicating or transmitting information;
- passing of notes or other suspicious objects to other examinees during the exam;
- engaging in conversation, including helping or asking help from any person, by means of words, signs, gestures, codes and other similar acts in the course of the exam for no valid reason;
- copying or referring to any solution, answer or work of another examinee or allowing another examinee to copy or refer to his/her solution, answer or work;
- employing fraud in accomplishing and/or submitting exam records (includes tampering of exam records/documents, attaching fake picture in the seat plan, etc.);
- switching of exam papers and/or seats or examinee number switching;
- making or leaving any distinguishing mark in the exam answer sheet;
- continuous answering of the exam after the announcement by the proctor that the time is up; and
- giving or receiving money, food or any consideration for the purpose of extending undue favor, advantage or treatment to any examinee.

c. *Prohibited Acts* refer to those acts which may *not* qualify as cheating as defined in these guidelines but by themselves constitute violation of the exam rules and regulations:

- Bringing of deadly weapons inside the exam venue. The prohibition applies even to those who have permits to carry firearms outside of their residence;
- Bringing and/or drinking alcoholic drinks and/or smoking cigarettes within the premises of the exam venue;
- Entering the exam venue under the influence of liquor, illegal drugs or other intoxicating substance;
- Accepting or receiving anything, including food, from any person while the exam is in progress;
- Loitering, talking or discussing the test questions and/or answers inside or near the exam room which tend to distract or disturb the conduct of the exam;

- Engaging in any violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening or offensive behavior or language (e.g. bullying, harassment, etc.) within the exam premises, whether directed to a co-examinee or exam personnel, while the exam is ongoing; and
- other analogous acts.

It is understood that the acts or omissions defined in Part II (b) and (c) hereof may be committed by any examinee, exam personnel or person/entity not necessarily connected with the Commission or the conduct of the licensure exam.

III. *EXAM MEASURES:*

Exam Measures shall refer to those actions which may be taken or resorted to by the Boards when circumstances arise that could materially affect the eligibility of an examinee or registrant to be admitted to the exam or the practice, as the case may be.

A. *Before the Licensure Exam*

Admission to the licensure exam shall be based on strict compliance with the qualification requirements under the pertinent professional regulatory law and issuances of the Board concerned. ***In no case shall a Notice of Admission (NOA) be issued without validation of the examinee's qualifications by the application processor, issuing officer and, in appropriate cases, the Board***.

In case there will be an issue[4] on the propriety of the admission of an examinee to the licensure exam *after his/her NOA has been issued*, he/she shall be required to submit his/her answer or explanation within three (3) days from notice but in no case later than the finalization of the room and seating assignment. Failure of the applicant to answer within the prescribed time or when the answer or explanation offered is not satisfactory, the Board shall order for the cancellation of the examinee's NOA. Once the room and seating assignment have been finalized, any such issue raised against an examinee shall not be a ground to prevent him/her from taking the examination. This is however without prejudice to such other action that the Board may take with respect to his/her exam after investigation.

Mere pendency of a legal case shall ***not*** cause the disqualification of an examinee from taking the licensure exam or the cancellation of the NOA that has been issued to such examinee, except when:

- the case involves an act of cheating or a violation of the exam rules and regulations as herein defined or which relates to the practice of the profession (e. g. illegal practice); and
- there is already a formal case lodged with the Commission or the courts, as the case may be, against the examinee at the time of filing of the application for the examination.

B. During the Licensure Exam

If in the course of the exam, an examinee is reported to have committed an act of cheating or a violation of any of the exam rules and regulations as herein defined, the exam personnel shall prepare an incident report, using the prescribed template, for submission to the Board. The examinee shall be allowed to continue with the exam but will be advised that he/she cannot take the next exam subject (if applicable). He/she shall likewise be informed that the incident will be subjected to formal investigation.

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[4] "*issues on the propriety of the admission of an examinee to the licensure examination*" shall refer to those that delve into the qualifications of the examinee such as citizenship, academic credentials, conviction of a crime or offense involving moral turpitude, among others.

In case the Board receives information that an examinee has not complied with any of the exam requirements or that there is a pending or decided legal case (including those filed with the Commission) against him/her, the examinee shall be allowed to continue with the examination, subject to validation of the information received.

In both cases, the results of the exam shall be subject to the outcome of the inquiry or investigation conducted.

Mere possession of any prohibited item shall give rise to a presumption of "*intent to cheat"* or *"to violate exam rules and regulations"*. All prohibited items in the possession of the examinee shall be marked with proper identification and shall be seized/confiscated by the exam personnel. *Annex A* of this Memorandum Order lays down the procedure on the conduct of the bodily search, inspection of personal belongings of the examinees and the seizure/confiscation of prohibited items during the exam.

C. After the Licensure Exam

If, after the examination, a formal charge for cheating or violation of exam rules and regulations (for the same examination) or a case which relates to the practice of profession was subsequently filed against an examinee, the results of his/her exam, oath taking or registration, as the case may be, shall be withheld.

Mere pendency of a case against an examinee except those involving cheating or violation of exam rules and regulations or the practice of profession shall ***not*** be a bar to take future licensure exams. In these latter cases, the prohibition shall last for the duration of the formal investigation and the eligibility to be admitted to future exams shall be subject to the outcome of the investigation.

Should it come to the knowledge of the Board after the exam that there is deficiency or non-compliance with the legal requirements on the part of an examinee, the former shall withhold the release of the exam results of, or defer the oath taking or issuance of the COR and PIC to the examinee/registrant or cancel the exam taken unless there are circumstances that would validly explain the alleged deficiency and/or non-compliance. The Board may, for this purpose, allow the examinee to explain the deficiency and/or non-compliance.

The application of the foregoing measures shall be without prejudice to other legal actions that may be taken against the examinee/s, exam personnel, responsible officials or employees of the Commission, or other persons/entities involved, in case there is misrepresentation, fraud or other unlawful means employed to secure the examinee's admission to the exam or registration.

Should an examinee be finally convicted of a crime or offense involving moral turpitude, the Board may cancel the exam of, refuse the registration of or issuance of the COR and PIC to the examinee and bar him/her from taking future licensure exams. The same rule shall apply in case an examinee/registrant has been finally adjudged to be of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction[5]; or found guilty of immoral, unethical and dishonorable conduct[6]; or has been proven

[5] Accountancy, Aeronautical Engineering, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Criminology, Customs Brokers, Dentistry, Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Environmental Planning, Fisheries, Food Technology, Foresters, Geology, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Librarianship, Master Plumbing, Mechanical Engineering, Medical Technology, Medicine, Metallurgical Engineering, Naval Architecture, Nursing, Nutrition and Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Pharmacy, Psychology, Respiratory Therapy, Sanitary Engineering, Social Work, Speech Language Pathology, and Veterinary Medicine

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or certified by an accredited medical or drug testing facility to be afflicted with drug or alcohol addiction that impairs his/her ability to practice the profession[7]; or with incurable/infectious communicable disease[8]; or is psychologically unfit[9].

IV.MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

If any ground for the withholding, deferment, cancellation or prohibition had ceased to exist, the examinee/registrant shall immediately notify the Board in writing of such fact, with the corresponding relief sought for.

All *Exam Measures*, including the cancellation of the NOA, withholding of release of exam results, cancellation of exam, deferment of oath taking, registration and issuance of COR and PIC, and prohibition to take future exams, shall be covered by an *Order* duly issued by the Board.

The *Exam Measures* adopted by the Board shall be promptly communicated to the examinee/registrant by the concerned Regional Office, thru its Licensure and Registration Division and Legal Division.[10]

A party aggrieved by the decision of the Board may file a request for reconsideration not later than three (3) days from receipt of the Board's decision, subject to appeal before the Commission within the same period.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

For information and compliance.

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman

DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE
Business Mirror
OFFICIAL (GAZETTE) : September 15, 2020
DATE OF EFFECTIVITY : Immediately

[7] Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, and Pharmacy
[8] Medical Technology, and Social Work
[9] Real Estate Service
[10] Copy furnished the *Licensure Office* (cancellation of NOA, withholding of release of exam results, cancellation of exam and prohibition to take future exams)[10]; *PRB Secretariat Division* (deferment of oath taking); and *Regulation Office* (deferment of registration and issuance of the COR and PIC).

Annex A

PROCEDURE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE BODILY SEARCH, INSPECTION OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS OF THE EXAMINEES AND THE SEIZURE/CONFISCATION OF PROHIBITED ITEMS DURING THE LICENSURE EXAM

All examination personnel, with the assistance of the representatives from law enforcement agencies, shall conduct a bodily search and inspection of the personal belongings of the examinees, subject to the following guidelines:

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PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION
Memorandum Order No. **57**
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September 07, 2020

TO: **PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS (BOARDS)**

CONCERNED OFFICES/DIVISIONS IN THE CENTRAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES

RE: **EXAMINATION MEASURES**

I. *LEGAL BASES:*

Republic Act No. 8981[1] mandates the Professional Regulatory Boards (Boards) to regulate the practice of their professions in accordance with the provisions of their respective professional regulatory laws. Corollary to the Boards' regulatory mandate is the power to admit or exclude certain individuals from the practice. The Boards are, as such, vested with the power and duty to hear and investigate cases arising from violations of the professional regulatory laws, rules and regulations, *including violations of the general and special instructions to examinees*, among others.[2]

Incidental in the implementation of security measures during the conduct of the licensure exams is the inspection of the examinees and the personal belongings that they bring inside the exam venues. While the Constitution guarantees the right of an individual against unreasonable searches and seizures, it does not forbid those which are carried out for valid reasons and in a lawful manner. There are at least two (2) justifications that will uphold the reasonableness of the bodily search and inspection of the personal belongings of examinees, namely: to ensure the safety of the examinees and the exam personnel and to safeguard the integrity of the licensure exams.

II. *DEFINITION OF TERMS:*

As used in this Memorandum Order, the following terminologies shall be construed to mean as:

a. *Moral Turpitude* refers to an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the private and social duties which a man owes to his fellowmen, or to the society in general, contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between men and conduct that is contrary to justice, modesty, or good morals.[3]

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[1] PRC Modernization Act of 2000
[2] Section 9, RA No. 8981
[3] *Tak Ng v Republic (106 Phil 727); Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) v Librado (AM No. P-94- 1089, 22 August 1996)* (Examples of crime involving moral turpitude: abduction with consent, bigamy, concubinage, smuggling, rape, attempted bribery, profiteering, robbery, murder, estafa, theft, illicit sexual relations with a fellow worker, violation of Batas Pambansa Blg. 22, intriguing against honor, violation of the Anti-Fencing Law, violation of the Dangerous Drugs Act, perjury, forgery, direct bribery, frustrated homicide, adultery, arson, evasion of income tax, barratry, blackmail, bribery, duelling, embezzlement, extortion, forgery, libel, making fraudulent proof of loss on insurance contract, mutilation of public records, fabrication of evidence, offenses against pension laws, perjury, seduction under the promise of marri*age, estafa, falsification of public document, and estafa thru falsification of public document) (*OCA v Presiding Judge Joseph Cedrick O. Ruiz, Am No. RTJ-13-2361, 02 February 2016*)

b. *Cheating* refers to any act or omission which is designed or calculated to impair the integrity and credibility of the licensure exam, and which shall *include but not be limited to the following*:

- Impersonation or employing another person to take the exam in his/her behalf;
- leakage of exam questions, including the act of taking out from the exam room any question in the exam, copying and/or divulging the content of the exam to any individual or entity;
- collusion with any exam personnel of the Commission or third person for the purpose of obtaining favorable results in the exam or gaining access thereto through illegal means;
- possession or use of *codigo*, crib sheets or other exam paraphernalia such as books, notes, review materials, and other printed materials containing principles or excerpts thereof, coded data/information/formula that are not authorized by the Board; prohibited calculators (including programmable calculators, calculators with embedded functions and specific calculator models as may be prescribed by the Board); cellular phones; Bluetooth earplugs; transmitters; beepers; smart watches; portable computers or other similar electronic gadgets/devices which have photographic features or which are capable of communicating or transmitting information;
- passing of notes or other suspicious objects to other examinees during the exam;
- engaging in conversation, including helping or asking help from any person, by means of words, signs, gestures, codes and other similar acts in the course of the exam for no valid reason;
- copying or referring to any solution, answer or work of another examinee or allowing another examinee to copy or refer to his/her solution, answer or work;
- employing fraud in accomplishing and/or submitting exam records (includes tampering of exam records/documents, attaching fake picture in the seat plan, etc.);
- switching of exam papers and/or seats or examinee number switching;
- making or leaving any distinguishing mark in the exam answer sheet;
- continuous answering of the exam after the announcement by the proctor that the time is up; and
- giving or receiving money, food or any consideration for the purpose of extending undue favor, advantage or treatment to any examinee.

c. *Prohibited Acts* refer to those acts which may *not* qualify as cheating as defined in these guidelines but by themselves constitute violation of the exam rules and regulations:

- Bringing of deadly weapons inside the exam venue. The prohibition applies even to those who have permits to carry firearms outside of their residence;
- Bringing and/or drinking alcoholic drinks and/or smoking cigarettes within the premises of the exam venue;
- Entering the exam venue under the influence of liquor, illegal drugs or other intoxicating substance;
- Accepting or receiving anything, including food, from any person while the exam is in progress;
- Loitering, talking or discussing the test questions and/or answers inside or near the exam room which tend to distract or disturb the conduct of the exam;

- Engaging in any violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening or offensive behavior or language (e.g. bullying, harassment, etc.) within the exam premises, whether directed to a co-examinee or exam personnel, while the exam is ongoing; and
- other analogous acts.

It is understood that the acts or omissions defined in Part II (b) and (c) hereof may be committed by any examinee, exam personnel or person/entity not necessarily connected with the Commission or the conduct of the licensure exam.

III. *EXAM MEASURES:*

Exam Measures shall refer to those actions which may be taken or resorted to by the Boards when circumstances arise that could materially affect the eligibility of an examinee or registrant to be admitted to the exam or the practice, as the case may be.

A. *Before the Licensure Exam*

Admission to the licensure exam shall be based on strict compliance with the qualification requirements under the pertinent professional regulatory law and issuances of the Board concerned. ***In no case shall a Notice of Admission (NOA) be issued without validation of the examinee's qualifications by the application processor, issuing officer and, in appropriate cases, the Board***.

In case there will be an issue[4] on the propriety of the admission of an examinee to the licensure exam *after his/her NOA has been issued*, he/she shall be required to submit his/her answer or explanation within three (3) days from notice but in no case later than the finalization of the room and seating assignment. Failure of the applicant to answer within the prescribed time or when the answer or explanation offered is not satisfactory, the Board shall order for the cancellation of the examinee's NOA. Once the room and seating assignment have been finalized, any such issue raised against an examinee shall not be a ground to prevent him/her from taking the examination. This is however without prejudice to such other action that the Board may take with respect to his/her exam after investigation.

Mere pendency of a legal case shall ***not*** cause the disqualification of an examinee from taking the licensure exam or the cancellation of the NOA that has been issued to such examinee, except when:

- the case involves an act of cheating or a violation of the exam rules and regulations as herein defined or which relates to the practice of the profession (e. g. illegal practice); and
- there is already a formal case lodged with the Commission or the courts, as the case may be, against the examinee at the time of filing of the application for the examination.

B. During the Licensure Exam

If in the course of the exam, an examinee is reported to have committed an act of cheating or a violation of any of the exam rules and regulations as herein defined, the exam personnel shall prepare an incident report, using the prescribed template, for submission to the Board. The examinee shall be allowed to continue with the exam but will be advised that he/she cannot take the next exam subject (if applicable). He/she shall likewise be informed that the incident will be subjected to formal investigation.

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[4] "*issues on the propriety of the admission of an examinee to the licensure examination*" shall refer to those that delve into the qualifications of the examinee such as citizenship, academic credentials, conviction of a crime or offense involving moral turpitude, among others.

In case the Board receives information that an examinee has not complied with any of the exam requirements or that there is a pending or decided legal case (including those filed with the Commission) against him/her, the examinee shall be allowed to continue with the examination, subject to validation of the information received.

In both cases, the results of the exam shall be subject to the outcome of the inquiry or investigation conducted.

Mere possession of any prohibited item shall give rise to a presumption of "*intent to cheat"* or *"to violate exam rules and regulations"*. All prohibited items in the possession of the examinee shall be marked with proper identification and shall be seized/confiscated by the exam personnel. *Annex A* of this Memorandum Order lays down the procedure on the conduct of the bodily search, inspection of personal belongings of the examinees and the seizure/confiscation of prohibited items during the exam.

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If, after the examination, a formal charge for cheating or violation of exam rules and regulations (for the same examination) or a case which relates to the practice of profession was subsequently filed against an examinee, the results of his/her exam, oath taking or registration, as the case may be, shall be withheld.

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Should it come to the knowledge of the Board after the exam that there is deficiency or non-compliance with the legal requirements on the part of an examinee, the former shall withhold the release of the exam results of, or defer the oath taking or issuance of the COR and PIC to the examinee/registrant or cancel the exam taken unless there are circumstances that would validly explain the alleged deficiency and/or non-compliance. The Board may, for this purpose, allow the examinee to explain the deficiency and/or non-compliance.

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Should an examinee be finally convicted of a crime or offense involving moral turpitude, the Board may cancel the exam of, refuse the registration of or issuance of the COR and PIC to the examinee and bar him/her from taking future licensure exams. The same rule shall apply in case an examinee/registrant has been finally adjudged to be of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction[5]; or found guilty of immoral, unethical and dishonorable conduct[6]; or has been proven

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IV.MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

For information and compliance.

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman

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DATE OF EFFECTIVITY : Immediately

[7] Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, and Pharmacy
[8] Medical Technology, and Social Work
[9] Real Estate Service
[10] Copy furnished the *Licensure Office* (cancellation of NOA, withholding of release of exam results, cancellation of exam and prohibition to take future exams)[10]; *PRB Secretariat Division* (deferment of oath taking); and *Regulation Office* (deferment of registration and issuance of the COR and PIC).

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