

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. <u>1269</u> Series of 2020

RESCHEDULING THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER 2020 PHYSICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 20 & 21, 2020 TO NOVEMBER 10, 11, 15 & 16, 2020 AND DESIGNATING THE CITIES OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, LEGAZPI, LUCENA, TACLOBAN AND TUGUEGARAO AS ADDITIONAL TESTING CENTERS

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

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1210 (s. 2019) scheduling the licensure examinations for calendar year 2020 wherein the September 2020 Physicians Licensure Examination (PLE) was scheduled on September 12, 13, 19 & 20, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Commission, through its Resolution Nos. 1230, 1235, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1252 and 1260 (s. 2020) postponed the affected licensure examinations from March to October 2020 in support of the government efforts to curtail the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1237 (s. 2020) providing for the new schedule of the March-June 2020 licensure examinations wherein the regular September 2020 PLE was scheduled on September 13, 14, 20 & 21, 2020 in the cities of Baguio, Cebu, Davao, Manila and Zamboanga;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the Commission through Resolution No. 1246 (s. 2020) approved lloilo City as additional testing center for the PLE ;

WHEREAS, Commission Resolution No. 1254 (s. 2020) likewise designated the cities of Cagayan De Oro, Legazpi, Lucena, Tacloban and Tuguegarao as additional testing centers for the continuation of the March 2020 PLE on September 20 and 21, 2020;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order Nos. 24 and 28 (s. 2020) were likewise issued prescribing the guidelines to be observed for the Post Enhanced/Local Quarantine periods, and for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in the conduct of licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, the Licensure Office in coordination with other operational units of the Commission assures that it can deliver all related support services for the conduct of the said licensure examination;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the importance of the PLE in view of the decision of the Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine to produce licensed doctors in order to augment the current healthcare workforce in the country;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVES, as it so RESOLVED, to reschedule the Physicians Licensure Examination from September 13, 14, 20 & 21, 2020 to November 10, 11, 15 and 16, 2020, subject to the approval by the Inter-Agency task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID);

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the filing of applications for the said licensure examination shall be extended until **October 9, 2020**.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that in consideration of the travel restrictions imposed and for the welfare of the PLE examinees, the cities of **Cagayan de Oro, Legazpi, Lucena, Tacloban** and **Tuguegarao** are designated as additional testing centers to **Baguio, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Manila** and **Zamboanga**.

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

Done in the City of Manila this 11th day of September 2020.

ANDA D REYES Commissioner

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR. Chairman

CUETO, JR. Commissioner