

## Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. <u>1340</u> Series of 2021

## POSTPONING THE APRIL 2021 RADIOLOGIC AND X-RAY TECHNOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND RESCHEDULING THEREOF TO MAY 16 & 17, 2021

**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. 1283 (s. 2020) scheduling the licensure examinations for calendar year 2021 wherein the Radiologic Technologists Licensure Examinations (RTLE) and X-Ray Technologists Licensure Examination (XTLE) were both scheduled on April 11 & 12, 2021 to be held in National Capital Region (NCR), Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legaspi, Lucena, Rosales, Tacloban, Tuguegarao and Zamboanga;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID), through its Resolution No. 105 dated March 25, 2021 approved the request of the Commission to conduct and administer the licensure examinations for professionals scheduled for May and June 2021, with observance of the strict health protocols as approved by the Department of Health. Agencies are directed to render full assistance for the safe and successful conduct of the examinations. To prevent transmission of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to low-risk areas, examinees from areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) are strongly discouraged from travelling to areas under Modified General Community Quarantine;

**WHEREAS,** on March 27, 2021, the Office of the President announced the new quarantine classifications for the different areas of the country due to the current surge of COVID-19 cases;

**WHEREAS**, the IATF-EID in its letter dated March 30, 2021, directed the Commission to postpone the scheduled licensure examination for the month April 2021 in those areas under the quarantine classification of GCQ to avoid cross border transfer of examinees;

**WHEREAS**, with the continuing increase of COVID-19 cases in the country and mobility restrictions under the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), the Professional Regulatory Board of Radiologic Technology (Board) had to reconsider the schedule of the April RTLE as it cannot compromise the safety and well-being of the examinees and examination personnel;

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems it proper and practical to conduct the examination simultaneously nationwide to fully maximize the resources available as the Board and the Licensure Office (LO) also anticipate complexities in the conduct thereof especially that the NCR, where the preparation of examination occurs, is currently under ECQ until April 11, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Board and LO thereby recommend to the Commission the postponement of the conduct of the examination and reschedule the same to May 2021;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to POSTPONE the April 11 & 12, 2021 Radiologic Technologists Licensure Examination and X-Ray Technologists Licensure Examination and to RESCHEDULE both examinations to May 16 & 17, 2021.

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

Done in the City of Manila this <u>**31**</u><sup>st</sup> day of March 2021.

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