

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. <u>1394</u> Series of 2021

## CANCELLING THE AUGUST 2021 LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERS AND CERTIFIED PLANT MECHANIC IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, CEBU, AND CAGAYAN DE ORO

**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 and 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 Licensure Examinations for Mechanical Engineers (ME) and Certified Plant Mechanic (CPM) were both scheduled on August 15 & 16, 2021 to be held in the National Capital Region (NCR), Baguio, Cagayan de Oro (CDO), Cebu, Davao, Lucena, Rosales, Tacloban, and Zamboanga;

**WHEREAS,** in as much as all face-to-face non-emergency essential government activities are suspended in Davao until August 31, 2021, the Commission, pursuant to Resolution No. 1388 (s. 2021), cancelled the August 2021 Licensure Examinations for ME and CPM in Davao and opened Koronadal as an additional testing center upon approval thereof by the City of Koronadal;

**WHEREAS,** on July 30, 2021, the Office of the President, pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 130-A dated July 29, 2021, declared the NCR under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) classification starting August 6 until August 20, 2021 to slow down the surge in COVID-19 cases and stop the further spread of COVID-19 variants;

**WHEREAS,** on August 02, 2021, the IATF-MEID Cebu City Emergency Operations Center denied the request of Director Narcival Randie Z. Taquiqui of PRC-Cebu to conduct the Licensure Examinations for ME and CPM;

**WHEREAS,** on August 06, 2021, the Licensure Office received a letter from Officer-in-Charge-Director Maria Melagros A. Golis of PRC-CDO formally informing the Commission that the ECQ classification of CDO has been extended until August 15, 2021 pursuant to the IATF-MEID Resolution No. 131 dated August 5, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, adhering to the guidelines of the national government to address the COVID-19 pandemic and considering the travel restrictions and health protocols adopted under ECQ, the Professional Regulatory Board of Mechanical Engineering and the Licensure Office recommend to the Commission the cancellation of the conduct of the August 2021 Licensure Examinations for ME and CPM in the NCR, Cebu and Cagayan De Oro.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the Commission RESOLVES, as it hereby RESOLVED, to CANCEL the conduct of the August 15 & 16, 2021 Licensure Examinations for Mechanical Engineers and Certified Plant Mechanic in NCR, Cebu, and Cagayan De Oro.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that the Licensure Examinations for ME & CPM shall proceed as scheduled in **Baguio, Koronadal, Lucena, Rosales, Tacloban, and Zamboanga** on August 15 & 16, 2021.

**RESOLVED FINALLY,** that the affected examinees in the NCR, Cebu, and Cagayan De Oro may take the next succeeding examination without forfeiture of their examination fees.

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

Done in the City of Manila this <u>6<sup>th</sup></u>day of August 2021.

M. TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR. Chairman

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JOSE M. CUETO, JR. Commissioner