

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1431 Series of 2021

RESCHEDULING THE OCTOBER 2021 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FROM OCTOBER 10, 11 & 12, 2021 TO DECEMBER 16, 17 & 18, 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 and to determine and fix the places and dates of examinations:

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1283 (s. 2020) scheduling the Certified Public Accountants Licensure Examinations (CPALE) on May 16, 17 & 23, 2021 and October 09, 10 & 16, 2021;

WHEREAS, to prevent examinees and examination personnel from incurring additional expenses in complying with the RT-PCR Test requirement¹ due to the interim period (one-week interval between second and third day of examination) of the examination schedule, Resolution No. 1329 (s. 2021) was issued by the Commission rescheduling the May and October 2021 CPALEs to May 16, 17 & 18, 2021 and October 9, 10 & 11, 2021, respectively;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the surge of the COVID-19 and its new variants and to further protect the health and safety of all concerned considering that CPALE is classified as large-scale licensure examination, the Commission subsequently issued Resolution No. 1335 (s. 2021) postponing and rescheduling the May 2021 and October 9, 10 & 11, 2021 CPALE to October 10, 11 & 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued Resolution No. 141-A (s. 2021) extending the designation of the National Capital Region (NCR) as the Pilot Area for the Pilot Implementation of the Alert Levels System until October 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, with the NCR under General Community Quarantine with Alert Level 4, activities characterized as high-risk for transmission such as examinations, shall not be allowed pursuant to the guidelines on the pilot implementation of alert levels system for COVID-19 response in the NCR;

WHEREAS, given the above prohibition during Alert Level 4 quarantine status, the PRC-NCR recommended the postponement of the CPALE in the NCR with the following additional considerations:

- 1. The total number of CPALE examinees in the NCR as of September 27, 2021 is 6,530 which is almost double the number of examinees of the previously postponed Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers also scheduled in the NCR with the same alert level of community quarantine and almost triple the number of examinees of the Physicians Licensure Examination which was not allowed by the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases (RTF-NCR) per its Resolution No. 9 dated September 9, 2021;
- 2. Some of the identified testing schools for CPALE had declined to be designated as testing centers or venues while other schools have not confirmed; and

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¹ Per Memorandum Order No. 68 (s.2020)

3. The CPALE will require at least 800 examination personnel consisting of proctors, floor and building supervisors, and other needed personnel willing to serve and undergo the required RT-PCR testing prior to deployment.

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the Professional Regulatory Board of Accountancy and Licensure Office recommend to the Commission the rescheduling of the conduct of the October 2021 CPLE in the NCR to December 16, 17 & 18, 2021;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to reschedule the Certified Public Accountants Licensure Examination in the NCR from October 10, 11 & 12, 2021 to December 16, 17 & 18, 2021 subject to the favorable endorsement of the Department of Health and favorable directives of the IATF-EID and local government units concerned;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the October 2021 CPALE shall proceed as scheduled in Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Koronadal, Legazpi, Lucena, Pagadian, Pampanga, Rosales, Tacloban, Tuguegarao, and Zamboanga;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that requests for transfer of examination testing centers shall no longer be entertained in order to get the final master list of examinees on time.

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

Done in the City of Manila this 5th day of October 2021.

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.

Chairman

OLANDA D. REYES

Commissioner

JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.

Commissioner