



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



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**RULES ON THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION TO
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE STATE OF CALAMITY BROUGHT ABOUT
BY THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) is mandated under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981, known as the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000”, to administer, implement and enforce the regulatory policies of the national government with respect to the regulation and licensing of the various professions and occupations under its jurisdiction; perform any and all acts, enter into contracts, make such rules and regulations and issue such orders and other administrative issuance as may be necessary in the execution and implementation of its functions and the improvement of its services; and adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectively implement policies with respect to the regulation and practice of the professions;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Boards (Boards) and the Commission recognize the existence and important role of the accredited professional organizations in providing assistance in terms of representing their respective professions; submitting nominees to vacant positions in the Board; taking part in the Continuing Professional Development Council; and participating in many other official activities of the Board and the Commission;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Laws of the Boards vest to the Boards the power and authority to accredit professional organizations for their respective professions;

WHEREAS, the Boards have regulatory jurisdiction over registered and licensed professionals who are voluntary or automatic members of these accredited professional organizations;

WHEREAS, Section 21, Rule 8 of Commission Resolution No. 1089 (s. 2018) or the “Revised Rules on the Accreditation of Professional Organizations and Integrated Professional Organizations” states that the non-renewal and expiration of accreditation shall automatically result in the loss or forfeiture of all the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of Accredited Professional Organization/Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (APO/AIPO). The expiration or non-renewal of accreditation shall carry the same effects as that of cancellation/suspension as stipulated in Section 20 of the said Resolution;

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 crisis, the President issued Proclamation No. 929 (s. 2020) declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months. The State of Calamity was extended by virtue of Proclamation No. 1021 (s. 2020) and later by Proclamation No. 1218 (s. 2021) until September 12, 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended, as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, there were several professional organizations whose APO/AIPO accreditation expired prior to or during the subsistence of the State of Calamity. Some of these professional organizations have expressed their difficulty in complying with

the documentary requirements for accreditation due to the effects of the ongoing health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is inclined to accord special consideration in such cases by allowing temporary or provisional accreditation during this time of the pandemic to qualified professional organizations based on the criteria set by the Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to adopt and promulgate the “**Rules on the Issuance of Provisional Accreditation to Professional Organizations and Integrated Professional Organizations During the State of Calamity brought about by the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19)**”.

RULE I CONDITION FOR GRANTING PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION

SECTION 1. A professional organization may be granted a Provisional Accreditation (PA) as APO/AIPO on the condition that the said professional organization has filed an application for APO/AIPO accreditation (new or renewal) which is still pending during the subsistence of the State of Calamity.

RULE II PROCEDURE IN GRANTING PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION

SECTION 2. The procedure in granting PA is set forth below:

1. The professional organization shall submit a letter to the concerned Board, through the Commission’s Accreditation and Compliance Division, requesting for the grant of PA. The request must indicate the specific documentary requirement/s that it failed to submit or comply with and the reason or justification for its non-submission or non-compliance. The requesting professional organization must have filed an application for APO/AIPO accreditation (new or renewal) before the Board and the Commission can proceed to act on the request for the grant of PA.
2. The Board shall evaluate the merits of the request, and on the basis thereof, decide whether or not to grant the PA.
 - 2.1 In case of request for PA as AIPO, the concerned Board shall issue a Board Resolution, within five (5) working days from receipt of letter of request, recommending to the Commission, for approval, the grant of PA.
 - 2.2 In case of request for PA as APO, the concerned Board shall make an endorsement to the Commission, within five (5) working days from receipt of letter of request, recommending the issuance of a Commission Resolution on the grant of PA.

RULE III EFFECTS OF GRANTING PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION

SECTION 3. A professional organization which has been granted a PA shall possess and exercise all the rights and privileges under Section 14, Rule 5 of Commission Resolution No. 1089 (s. 2018), and shall be subject to all the duties and responsibilities provided in Section 15, Rule 5 of the same Resolution, during the validity of the PA.

RULE IV VALIDITY OF THE PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

SECTION 4. A professional organization granted with a PA shall still be required to submit the lacking documentary requirement/s **until the thirtieth (30) day after the lifting of the State of Calamity**. No request for the extension of this deadline shall be allowed.

Should the professional organization be able to complete the documentary requirements on or before the set deadline, the concerned Board shall immediately make an evaluation of the document/s submitted. When the Board is satisfied with the correctness and completeness of the document/s submitted, it shall undertake the following:

1. In the case of application for accreditation as AIPO, issue a Board Resolution, within ten (10) working days from receipt of the documents, recommending to the Commission, for approval, the issuance of a new or renewed Certificate of Accreditation (CoA).
2. In case of application for accreditation as APO, make an endorsement to the Commission, within ten (10) working days from receipt of the documents, recommending the issuance of a Commission Resolution on the grant of a new or renewed CoA.

The PA that was granted shall automatically be revoked upon the issuance of a new or renewed CoA as APO/AIPO. The new or renewed CoA shall be valid for three (3) years from date of issuance thereof.

On the other hand, the professional organization's failure to comply within the deadline shall result in the automatic revocation of the PA, and shall be cause for the denial of the professional organization's pending application for APO/AIPO accreditation, without prejudice to its right to refile the same.

Above notwithstanding, the Commission may, at its own instance, suspend or revoke a PA on other valid ground/s, subject to due process.

SECTION 5. A copy of the approved Board or Commission Resolution shall be furnished the professional organization. No separate certificate for the grant of PA shall be issued.

The Board or Commission Resolution granting the PA shall be published at the expense of the requesting professional organization.

SECTION 6. The PA shall take effect immediately upon the publication of the Board or Commission Resolution granting the PA.

**RULE V
SEPARABILITY CLAUSE AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 7. The provisions of this Resolution are separable, and in the event that any of its provisions is declared invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall be applicable only during the State of Calamity due to COVID-19 pandemic, and shall take effect immediately after its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any major newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Let a copy hereof be furnished the University of the Philippines Law Center, APOs/AIPOs and the Philippine Federation of Professional Association, Inc.

Done in the City of Manila, this **14th** day of **June, 2022**.



TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
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