

Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila
RESOLUTION NO. <u>1392</u> Series of 2021



RESCHEDULING THE LAST DAY (AUGUST 6, 2021) OF THE VETERINARIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN THE NCR TO SEPTEMBER 02, 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, in Resolution No. 1283 (s. 2020) approved the schedule of the professional licensure examinations for Calendar Year 2021 wherein the Veterinarians Licensure Examination (VLE) is scheduled on August 4, 5 & 6, 2021 to be held in the National Capital Region (NCR), Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, and Tuguegarao;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1382 (s. 2021) was issued approving Legazpi as additional testing center for the said examinations;

WHEREAS, due to strict implementation of community quarantine in Davao, Resolution No. 1388 (s. 2021) was issued recalling Davao as testing venue and opening Koronadal as additional testing venue for the August 2021 VLE;

WHEREAS, the Commission, in Resolution No. 1391 (s. 2021) cancelled the August 2021 VLE in Cagayan de Oro due to the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) classification therein until August 7, 2021;

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2021, the Office of the President declared the NCR under ECQ classification starting August 6 until August 20, 2021 pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 130-A;

WHEREAS, in view of the said declaration, the Commission made a formal request to the IATF to allow the Commission to conduct the said licensure examination in NCR, particularly on the last day of examination (August 6, 2021) which is affected by the new community quarantine classification;

WHEREAS, the IATF, in its letter dated August 3, 2021, replied that, "Please be advised that this request was forwarded to the technical office within the Department of Health for review and appropriate recommendations considering the imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine over NCR on 6 August 2021. In their Memorandum dated 03 August 2021, addressed to this Office, <u>they recommend that we align with the Community Quarantine classifications and reschedule the conduct of licensure examinations on 06 August 2021, given that this date is the start of the ECQ over NCR.</u> For the exams scheduled for 4 and 5 August 2021, in other areas, they recommend ensuring implementation of minimum public health standards taking into consideration the high transmissibility of the COVID-19 disease and the current threat of the Delta variant. They highly advise that we adhere strictly to the protocols of the national government."; and

WHEREAS, adhering to the IATF advice, the Professional Regulatory Board of Veterinary Medicine and Licensure Office recommend to the Commission to proceed with the August 4 & 5, 2021 VLE schedule and to postpone the last day of examination in NCR and to reschedule it on September 2, 2021.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVES as it hereby RESOLVED:

- 1. To **PROCEED** with the **August 4 & 5**, 2021 Veterinarians Licensure Examination schedule in NCR;
- 2. To POSTPONE the August 6, 2021 VLE (last day of examination) in NCR; and
- 3. To RESSCHEDULE the same to September 2, 2021.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the August 2021 VLE shall proceed in **Baguio, Cebu, Koronadal, Legazpi,** and **Tuguegarao** from August 4-6, 2021.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that in the event that the Regional Office cannot send the packages of ID/AS to Manila on the following day after the last day of examination due to travel restrictions and unavailability of flights, the Commission hereby authorizes the Regional Director/s to store the ID/AS in the designated vault of the Regional Office, with appropriate security measures, until the travel restriction is lifted or immediately after the availability of flights to Manila.

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

Done in the City of Manila this <u>5th</u> day of August 2021.

OLANDA D. REYES Commissioner

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR. Chairman

