

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission

Manila

RESOLUTION NO. 1611 Series of 2023 February 09, 2023

EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF APPLICATION FOR THE APRIL 2023 SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES AND SINGAPORE UNTIL FEBRUARY 12, 2023 AND PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES ON THE TRANSFER OF EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981, also known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", empowers the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various Professional Regulatory Boards (Boards) in accordance with the rules and regulations it may promulgate; to determine and fix the places and dates of examinations; and to adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of the licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 835 (s. 2009) was issued directing the Commission and other government agencies through the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to conduct yearly Special Professional Board Licensure Examinations (hereinafter referred to as Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE)), when so warranted, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other Middle East countries;

WHEREAS, in accordance with R.A. No. 8981, the Commission also conducts licensure examination in countries other than the Middle East;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1607 (s. 2023) which scheduled the SPLE on April 22, 23 and 24, 2023 in the Middle East countries and Singapore;

WHEREAS, the Commission likewise issued Resolution No. 1608 (s. 2023) on the prescribed fees for the April 2023 SPLE;

WHEREAS, the Commission received several requests to extend the deadline for the filing of applications for the April 2023 SPLE, and to allow examinees to transfer their testing venue from the local examination to the SPLE;

WHEREAS, considering that no SPLE was conducted for the past three (3) years due to the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Licensure Office recommends to the Commission the approval of the request to extend the deadline for filing of applications for the April 2023 SPLE, and to accommodate requests for transfer testing venue from local examination to SPLE in order to provide all Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) applicants the opportunity to apply and take the April 2023 SPLE;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to EXTEND the deadline for the filing of applications for the April 2023 SPLE from 06 February 2023 to 12 February 2023.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that all applications for the transfer of testing venue from local examination to any of the testing venues for the April 2023 SPLE shall be filed <u>not later</u> <u>than February 12, 2023</u>, subject to the following rules and guidelines:

Resolution No. <u>1611</u> (s. 2023) Extending the Deadline for the Filing of Application for the April 2023 Special Professional Licensure Examination in the Middle East Countries and Singapore until February 12, 2023 And Prescribing the Guidelines on the Transfer of Examination Applications

- Applicants shall pay the deficiency at the Cashier of the Regional Office where they originally filed their application for examination, personally or through a representative;
- After payment, applicants shall submit a request letter to transfer from local examination to SPLE to the Regional Office where they originally filed their application, copy furnished the Licensure Division via e-mail at <u>licensure.division@prc.gov.ph;</u>
- c. The processor of the Regional Office concerned shall put a remark in the system *"With additional payment of _____ and the Receipt Number is _____ dated _____"* before transferring the place of examination to the preferred testing venue for the April 2023 SPLE;
- d. The processor shall also put the same remark on the examinee's application documents before transmitting it to the Licensure Division; and
- e. During the evaluation of documents in the respective testing venues, all applicant-examinees shall present the original or photocopy of their receipts or proof of payment to the Delegation Team for verification and recording purposes.

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

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