



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1344
Series of 2021

POSTPONING THE JULY 2021 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION (LALE) AND RESCHEDULING THEREOF TO JULY 2022 AND DESIGNATING PRC CEBU AS ADDITIONAL TESTING CENTER IN THE JULY 2022 LALE

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; 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 Landscape Architects Licensure Examination (LALE) is scheduled to be held in National Capital Region on July 6 & 7, 2021;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1256 (s. 2020) categorized the licensure examinations as small, medium and large-scale examinations depending on the number of applicants wherein LALE is classified as a small-scale licensure examination;

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 1334 (s. 2021), small-scale licensure examinations shall be administered unless the profession's stakeholders, such as Accredited Professional Organization (APO)/Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO), Academe, and/or Sector, recommend its cancellation or postponement as endorsed by the concerned Professional Regulatory Board;

WHEREAS, given the increasing number of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases that pose a continuing danger to the health and safety of all concerned, the Professional Regulatory Board of Landscape Architecture (Board) conducted consultations on March 17 and 23, 2021 with the four Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) that offer degrees in landscape architecture, representatives of the Commission on Higher Education Technical Working Group, and the Philippine Association of Landscape Architecture, the AIPO of the profession;

WHEREAS, based on the consultation, the stakeholders' consensus was for the postponement of the LALE due to the risks to health and safety of all concerned and the extension of the state of calamity of the entire country until September 12, 2021 through Proclamation No. 1021 (s. 2020) citing that the number of COVID-19 positive cases and deaths continue to rise despite efforts and interventions to contain the same;

WHEREAS, with the continuous imposition of stricter community quarantine in the country, the Board and the Licensure Office (LO) foresee complexities in the operational and logistical requirements in the preparation and conduct of the July 2021 LALE;

WHEREAS, upon evaluation of the request and the surrounding circumstances, the Board and the LO deemed it necessary to recommend to the Commission the postponement of the conduct of the July 2021 LALE and to reschedule the same to July 2022;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the request to open PRC-Cebu as an additional testing center and to allow the prospective examinees to take the July 2022 LALE without the need of traveling to distant testing centers and incurring expenses in the process, the Board endorsed the approval of the said request;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to **POSTPONE** the **July 6 & 7, 2021 Landscape Architects Licensure Examination** and to **RESCHEDULE** the same to **July 2022**.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that **PRC-Cebu** is hereby designated as additional testing center in the July 2022 LALE.

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

Done in the City of Manila this 8th day of April 2021.


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Chairman


YOLANDA D. REYES
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JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
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