

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1357 Series of 2021

POSTPONING THE MAY 2021 RADIOLOGIC AND X-RAY TECHNOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN PRC-ZAMBOANGA AND **RESCHEDULING THEREOF TO DECEMBER 20 & 21, 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; to determine and fix the places and dates of examinations;

WHEREAS, the Inter Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID), through its Resolution No. 105 dated March 25, 2021 approved the request of the Commission to conduct and administer the licensure examinations for professionals scheduled for May and June 2021, with observance of the strict health protocols as approved by the Department of Health. Agencies are directed to render full assistance for the safe and successful conduct of the examinations. To prevent transmission of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to low-risk areas, examinees from areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) are strongly discouraged from travelling to areas under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ);

WHEREAS, the IATF-EID, in its letter dated March 30, 2021, directed the Commission to postpone the scheduled licensure examination for the month of April 2021 in those areas under the quarantine classification of GCQ to avoid cross border transfer of examinees;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the IATF-EID directive, the Commission issued PRC Resolution No. 1340 (s. 2021) postponing the April 2021 Radiologic Technologists Licensure Examination (RTLE) and X-ray Technologists Licensure Examination (XTLE) and rescheduling thereof to May 16 & 17, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Commission and the Professional Regulatory Board of Radiologic Technology (Board) conducted a consultative meeting on April 30, 2021, together with the Licensure Office (LO), PRB Secretariat Division, Rating Division, Licensure Division and PRC Regional Offices, to assess the on-going situation whether to proceed the examination especially in those testing centers under GCQ and Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) classifications;

WHEREAS, a memorandum was issued dated April 30, 2021 authorizing the Regional Directors, OICs and Regional Coordinators:

- 1. To communicate with their LGU and Regional IATF, on behalf of the Commission, for proper coordination as to the implemented quarantine status in their respective areas due to localize implementation of community quarantine;
- To request for dispensation or special permit from their LGU if they can be allowed to administer and conduct the licensure examination despite the strict community quarantine classification;

WHEREAS, the City of Zamboanga denied the request of PRC Zamboanga to hold the examination for RTLE and XTLE on May 16 and 17, 2021 at Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University considering that the city is now under MECQ classification and the recommendation of the IATF-EID to ensure no convergence or mass gathering which may stem community transmission;

WHEREAS, the Board and LO recommend to the Commission to postpone the May 2021 RTLE and XTLE in PRC-Zamboanga and to reschedule them both to December 2021;

premises considered, the Commission RESOLVES, RESOLVED, to POSTPONE the May 16 & 17, 2021 Radiologic Technologists Licensure Examination and X-Ray Technologists Licensure Examination in PRC-Zamboanga, and RESCHEDULE them both to December 20 & 21, 2021;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the affected examinees in PRC-Zamboanga may take the same in the next scheduled RTLE and XTLE.

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

Done in the City of Manila this __12th _ day of May 2021.

In he TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR. Chairman

Commissioner

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