



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1361
Series of 2021

**POSTPONING THE AUGUST 2021 GUIDANCE COUNSELORS LICENSURE
EXAMINATION AND RESCHEDULING THEREOF TO 2022**

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 Guidance Counselors Licensure Examination (GCLE) is scheduled on August 18 & 19, 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 GCLE is classified as small-scale licensure examination;

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

WHEREAS, the Commission received a letter from the Philippine Guidance and Counselling Association (PGCA), the AIPO of the profession, requesting the Professional Regulatory Board of Guidance and Counseling (Board) to postpone the 2021 GCLE due to health and safety considerations of all concerned;

WHEREAS, the PGCA also conducted a survey showing that 50.1% of their potential test takers recommend that the GCLE on August 18 & 19, 2021 in National Capital Region, Cebu, and Cagayan de Oro be deferred;

WHEREAS, the Board favorably endorses the request of PGCA for the following reasons:

1. For precautionary measures, considering the safety of the examinees and those who will be involved in the administration of the GCLE, including the Board who are all senior citizens;
2. To give time for the prospective examinees to secure all documents required for the GCLE and to give them ample time to review who at this point in time might not be prepared mentally and emotionally;
3. For the Board to manage the scheduling of their activities related to the GCLE such as peer review, encoding, editing, merging, and extraction.

WHEREAS, the Board and Licensure Office recommend to the Commission the postponement of the conduct of the August 2021 GCLE and to reschedule the same to 2022;

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to **POSTPONE** the conduct of the **August 2021 Guidance Counselors Licensure Examination** and to **RESCHEDULE** the same to **2022**.

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

Done in the City of Manila this 20th day of May 2021.


YOLANDA D. REYES
Commissioner


TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman


JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner