

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. <u>1388</u>

Series of 2021

OPENING THE PRC-KORONADAL AS ADDITIONAL TESTING CENTER FOR THE AUGUST 2021 LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS AND CANCELLING THE SAID SCHEDULED EXAMINATIONS IN PRC-DAVAO

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 August 2021 Licensure Examinations that will be held at PRC-Davao are the following: Veterinarians, Mechanical Engineers, Certified Plant Mechanic, Medical Technologists, and Social Workers;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution Nos. 1365 and 1478 (s. 2021) postponing the Licensure Examinations for Architects and Mining Engineers, respectively, and rescheduling the same on August 2021;

WHEREAS, PRC-Davao, through Director Raquel R. Abrantes, endorsed the letter of Acting Mayor Sebastian Z. Duterte of Davao City to the Commission, with the latter requesting for the August 2021 Licensure Examinations to be rescheduled;

WHEREAS, in his letter, Acting Mayor Duterte mentioned that Davao City is currently placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) due to the current surge of COVID-19 cases in the city. He further stated that under Section 3 of Davao City Executive Order 31-A (s. 2021), non-emergency face-to-face activities are suspended until the end of August 2021, to wit:

SECTION 3. NON-EMERGENCY BUT ESSENTIAL. All face-to-face non-emergency essential government activities including trainings and seminars are hereby suspended until August 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, considering the circumstances, Director Abrantes proposed to transfer the PRC-Davao examinees of the August 2021 Licensure Examinations to PRC-Koronadal;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Koronadal City was apprised of the proposition and has conveyed its approval of the same;

WHEREAS, acting upon the request, the Professional Regulatory Boards concerned and the Licensure Office recommend to the Commission the opening of PRC-Koronadal as an additional testing center for the August 2021 Licensure Examinations and to transfer the PRC-Davao examinees to PRC-Koronadal, upon the examinees' requests;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVES the following:

- 1) To open PRC-Koronadal as an additional testing center for the August 2021 Licensure Examinations;
- 2) To cancel the August 2021 Licensure Examinations in PRC-Davao; and
- 3) To provide the affected examinees an option to transfer venue from PRC-Davao to PRC-Koronadal

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that those examinees who will not be able to transfer or take the aforesaid examinations, may take the next succeeding examination without forfeiture of their examination fees; and

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the necessary coordination be undertaken by the appropriate offices/divisions of the Commission to ensure the smooth and orderly conduct of the said examination in this testing area.

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

Done in the City of Manila this 29th day of July 2021.

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.

Chairman

YOLANDA D. REYES

Commissioner

JOSEY. CUETO, JR.

Commissioner