



RESOLUTION NO. 1474
Series of 2022

**RESCHEDULING THE JANUARY 17-21 and 24-26, 2022
OPTOMETRISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION-PRACTICAL PHASE
IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TO JANUARY 24-28, 2022
AND JANUARY 31- FEBRUARY 4, 2022, RESPECTIVELY**

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 and to determine and fix the places and dates of examinations;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1439 (s. 2021) scheduling the Optometrists Licensure Examination (OLE) – Practical Phase on January 4-7, 10-14, 17-21 and 24-26, 2022 in the National Capital Region (NCR);

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2021, the Office of the President announced that the alert level classification of the NCR shall be escalated to Alert Level 3 effective January 3, 2022 until January 15, 2022, pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 155 (s. 2021);

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2022, the Department of Health reiterated the quarantine and isolation period for the general public¹, to wit:

1. Quarantine period for close contacts and travelers
 - a. 7 days for fully vaccinated individuals
 - b. 14 days for partially vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals
2. Isolation period for symptomatic and positive cases regardless of vaccination status
 - a. 10 days for asymptomatic/ mild/ moderate, at the minimum, or as determined by attending physician;
 - b. 21 days for severe/ critical or as determined by attending physician;

WHEREAS, despite strict observance of health protocols in the conduct of licensure examinations, risk of exposure to COVID-19 is still possible, although mitigated, during the conduct of the OLE - Practice Phase as the exam itself requires face-to-face interaction among the Members of the Professional Regulatory Board of Optometry (Board) and examinees;

WHEREAS, the Board proposed for a one (1) week break after the January 4-7 and 10-14, 2022 examination schedule to give the Board, the Commission examination personnel, and the host school personnel a time to rest and prepare for the resumption of the remaining examinations. The one (1) week break will also afford those examinees who have previously tested COVID-19 positive the chance to take the OLE – Practical Phase after having recovered from their illnesses and observed the necessary isolation period;

¹ Department Circular No. 2022-0002

WHEREAS, the Board further moves that the January 17-21 and 24-26, 2022 schedule of the OLE - Practical Phase be rescheduled to January 24-28, 2022 and January 31-February 4, 2022, respectively.

WHEREFORE, upon motion duly made, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to **RESCHEDULE** the **January 17-21 and 24-26, 2022** OLE-Practical Phase in the NCR to **January 24-28, 2022 and January 31-February 4, 2022**, respectively.

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

Done in the City of Manila this 14th day of January 2022.


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Chairman


JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner

(VACANT)
Commissioner