



RESOLUTION NO. 1492
Series of 2022

**POSTPONING THE 2022 SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR
OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SINGAPORE**

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981 or the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000” vests upon the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) the power, function, and responsibility to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory boards in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by it and to determine and fix the places and dates of such examinations;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 835 (s. 2009) was issued directing the Commission and other government agencies, through the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), to conduct yearly Special Professional Board Licensure Examinations (SPLE), when so warranted, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and other Middle East countries;

WHEREAS, the Commission, pursuant to R.A. No. 8981, also conducts licensure examination in countries, other than the Middle East;

WHEREAS, on 07 April 2022, the Commission, together with selected Professional Regulatory Boards (Boards), had a consultative meeting relative to the 2022 SPLE;

WHEREAS, the issues and concerns raised during the consultative meeting on the conduct of the said examination in the Middle East countries and Singapore are the following:

1. Some of the Boards are transitioning to a new Table of Specifications;
2. Examinees in frontline professions may not be prepared for the July 2022 SPLE;
3. Some professions have only one (1) examinee while others only have a few;
4. Some of the Boards are currently in the process of transitioning from the old Test Questions Data Bank (TQDB) to the new web-based TQDB system;
5. The preparation for the July 2022 SPLE coincides with the preparation for the local examinations for some Boards;
6. The preparation for the 2022 SPLE coincides with the preparation for the Absentee Voting for Overseas Filipino Workers; and
7. The Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) situation levels in the Middle East countries and Singapore remain high; thus, it is still unsafe for examination personnel to travel and conduct the examinations.

WHEREAS, considering the global uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 crisis, the concerned Boards and the Licensure Office unanimously recommend to the Commission the postponement of the conduct of the 2022 SPLE;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing and to ensure the health and safety of the prospective examinees and Professional Regulation Commission Delegates, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to **POSTPONE** the conduct of the 2022 Special Professional Licensure Examination.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the President, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippine Embassies/Consulates, Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs) and Filipino professional organizations in the aforementioned testing centers. Coordination with all POLOs and Filipino professional organizations in the Middle East and Singapore shall be undertaken for proper information dissemination.

Done in the City of Manila this **10th** day of **May, 2022**.


TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman


JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner


ERWIN M. ENAD
Commissioner