



RESOLUTION NO. 1397
Series of 2021

**INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DAYS OF THE OCTOBER 2021 OPTOMETRISTS
LICENSURE EXAMINATION - PRACTICAL PHASE FROM OCTOBER 18, 19, 20 &
21, 2021 TO OCTOBER 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22, 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 and 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 Optometrists Licensure Examination (OLE) – Practical Phase are scheduled on April 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2021 and October 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2021 to be held in the National Capital Region (NCR);

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1348 (s. 2021) postponing the April 2021 OLE – Practical Phase due to the directive of the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Disease to postpone the scheduled licensure examinations for the month of April 2021 in those areas under the quarantine classification of General Community Quarantine to avoid cross border transfer of examinees and thus rescheduling the said OLE – Practical Phase to October 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the postponed April 2021 OLE – Practical Phase was intended for the 221 examinees who finished the OLE – Written Phase last March 21, 22 & 23, 2021 and the next scheduled OLE – Practical Phase in October 2021 is initially intended for examinees who will finish the OLE – Written Phase on October 12, 13 & 14, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Board of Optometry (Board) anticipates the influx of examinees given that based on its preliminary survey, there are about 240 or more additional prospective examinees/applicants for the October 2021 OLE – Practical Phase; and

WHEREAS, due to the health and safety protocols implemented, the Board and the Licensure Office recommend an increase in the number of days allotted for the OLE – Practical Phase in order for them to address the influx of examinees for the said examination.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to increase the number of days of the **October 2021 OLE Examination – Practical Phase** from October 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2021 to **October 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2021**;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the new schedule for the October 2021 OLE – Practical Phase are as follows:

1. **October 15, 17, 18 & 19, 2021** shall be for the examinees who finished the OLE – Written Phase last March 21, 22 & 23, 2021; and
2. **October 20, 21 & 22, 2021** shall be for the examinees who will finish the OLE – Written Phase on October 12, 13 & 14, 2021;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that the first day of the above OLE – Practical Phase schedule, October 15, 2021, be intended for examinees who finished the March 21, 22 & 23, 2021 OLE – Written Phase and who will be coming from Visayas and Mindanao; and

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To October 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2021

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 October 2021 OLE - Practical Phase to be held in NCR at the Manila Central University, College of Optometry.

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

Done in the City of Manila this 13th day of August 2021.


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YOLANDA D. REYES
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JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner