



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1447
Series of 2021

RESCHEDULING THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021 DENTISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION TO JANUARY 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2022 (PRACTICAL PHASE) AND JANUARY 12, 13 & 14, 2022 (WRITTEN PHASE) AND OPENING OF OTHER TESTING CENTERS IN ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

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 Dentists Licensure Examination (DLE) on December 1, 2 & 3, 2021 (Written Phase) and December 16, 17 & 18, 2021 (Practical Phase) to be conducted in the National Capital Region (NCR);

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1326 (s. 2021) was issued rescheduling the DLE to November 28, 29 & 30, 2021 (Written Phase) and December 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, & 10, 2021 (Practical Phase) in the NCR;

WHEREAS, the University of the East, the school used for the practical phase of the DLE, expressed its regrets to be used as venue for this December 2021 scheduled examination because of their application for a limited face-to-face classes which, if granted by Commission on Higher Education this semester, will make December the most crucial part of the semester especially for their graduating students who will be, most of the time, working in the clinics to finish their clinical requirements to be eligible for graduation this semester;

WHEREAS, the Centro Escolar University, another school used for the practical phase of the DLE, informed the Professional Regulatory Board of Dentistry (Board) that they cannot accommodate the practical phase of the DLE this December 2021 because the final examinations of their students is scheduled in the same month due to the change in their academic year;

WHEREAS, the Board issued Resolution No. 02 (s. 2021) or the “Conduct of Complete Examination in the Board Licensure Examination for Dentists” which provides that an examinee needs to take a complete Board Licensure Examination for Dentists, both written and practical phases. Said resolution amended Resolution No. 10 (s. 2008) that requires an examinee to first pass the theoretical/written phase before taking the practical phase;

WHEREAS, due to the change in the policy for the conduct of the said examination and the postponement of the previously scheduled DLE, the number of examinees that will take the practical phase drastically increased;

WHEREAS, due to the unprecedented situation, the Board recommends to open other testing centers in Baguio, Cebu, Davao, and Iloilo to cater the number of examinees which the NCR can no longer accommodate due to the limitations in the venue, materials, and facilities;

WHEREAS, the PRC Regional Offices of Baguio, Cebu, Davao, and Iloilo signified their concurrence with regard to their inclusion as additional testing centers for the January 2022 DLE and assured that they have the budgetary requirements, supplies, and manning complement for the conduct of the same;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Association of Dental Colleges (PADC) deans expressed that in the proposed regionalized conduct of the board examinations, the following be given due considerations, among others: the timely dissemination of clear and practical guidelines, assurance of safe and secured venue and facilities, strict implementation of anti-COVID19 transmission protocol, adequate availability and access to dental bench equipment, materials and

supplies, and a viable transport system to deliver examination materials and dental works if ever there will be centralized checking of completed exercises;

WHEREAS, the Board endorsed to the Commission the letter from the Council of Deans of the PADC informing the Commission of the result of their online survey wherein a total of twenty-six (26) out of the twenty-eight (28) regular member schools (92.86%) supports the rescheduling of the 2021 DLE;

WHEREAS, the Board made some requests to the Licensure Office to coordinate with the concerned Regional Offices on the following matters:

1. The materials needed for the practical phase of the examination which will be transmitted from the Central Office to the concerned Regional Offices;
2. The number of examinees in the Regional Offices;
3. The proctor shall provide a security code before the materials per exercise are given to the examinee at the testing site. A separate guidelines for this purpose shall be issued by the Board;
4. The proctor shall ensure that no identifying marks on the cases before wrapping;
5. The actual wrapping must be done by the examinee under the presence of a proctor; and
6. The materials per exercise shall be properly packed and labeled. This shall be shipped backed to the Central Office.

WHEREAS, upon evaluation of the request and the surrounding circumstances, the Board and the Licensure Office deemed it necessary to recommend to the Commission to reschedule the 2021 DLE to January 2022;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to **RESCHEDULE** the November 28, 29 & 30, 2021 (*Written Phase*) and December 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, & 10, 2021 (*Practical Phase*) **DENTISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION** to **January 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2022 (*Practical Phase*) and January 12, 13 & 14, 2022 (*Written Phase*)** to provide the new testing sites the opportunity to prepare for the conduct of the said examination, especially the needed coordination with the schools that will be used as testing venues.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that Baguio, Cebu, Davao, and Iloilo are hereby designated as additional testing centers in the January 2022 DLE;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that those examinees who did not register their Practical Phase shall be given a chance to register and enroll online from November 21 to 28, 2021.

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

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

Done in the City of Manila this 19th day of November 2021.


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