

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila

RESOLUTION NO. 1612 Series of 2023

INCLUSION OF THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND REAL ESTATE BROKERS LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS IN THE APRIL 2023 SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SINGAPORE AND FIXING THE DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981, also known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", empowers the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various Professional Regulatory Boards (Boards) in accordance with the rules and regulations it may promulgate; determine and fix the places and dates of examinations; and adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of the licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (E.O.) No. 835 dated October 6, 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 (hereinafter referred to as Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE)), when so warranted, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other Middle East countries;

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

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1607 (s. 2023) fixing the dates and places of the 2023 SPLE for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in the Middle East Countries and Singapore;

WHEREAS, the 2023 SPLE will only cover the licensure examinations for Architects, Chemical Engineers, Civil Engineers, Electronics Engineers, Electronics Technicians, Environmental Planners, Geodetic Engineers, Master Plumbers, Mechanical Engineers, Certified Plant Mechanics, Midwives, Nurses, Psychometricians, Professional Teachers, Radiologic Technologists, X-Ray Technologists, Registered Electrical Engineers, Registered Master Electricians, Respiratory Therapists, Social Workers and Veterinarians, pursuant to Commission Resolution No. 1607 (s. 2023);

WHEREAS, upon the appeal of the OFWs who are graduates of Accountancy, Physical Therapy and Real Estate Services to include their professions in the April 2023 SPLE, officials of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) and Embassies and Migrant Workers Offices (MWO) convened for a coordination meeting last January 31, 2023. It was agreed therein that the Certified Public Accountants, Physical Therapists and Real Estate Brokers licensure examinations will be proposed for inclusion in the April 2023 SPLE;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Boards of Accountancy, Real Estate Service and Physical Therapy and the Licensure Office have no objection to the inclusion of their respective professions in the April 2023 SPLE;

Resolution No. <u>1612</u> (s. 2023) Inclusion of the Certified Public Accountants, Physical Therapists and Real Estate Brokers Licensure Examinations in the April 2023 Special Professional Licensure Examinations in the Middle East and Singapore And Fixing the Deadline for the Filing of Applications Therefor

WHEREFORE, the Commission RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to include the ACCOUNTANCY, REAL ESTATE BROKERS and PHYSICAL THERAPY licensure examinations in the April 2023 SPLE.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the deadline for the filing of applications for Certified Public Accountants, Real Estate Brokers and Physical Therapists licensure examinations will be on **FEBRUARY 19, 2023** to give examinees ample time to prepare the necessary documents and to apply online.

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

Done in the City of Manila this <u>14th</u>day of February 2023.

CHARITO A. ZAMORA Chairperson

JOSE Y. CUETO, JR. Commissioner

ERWIN M. ENAD Commissioner