



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1265
Series of 2020

**CONDUCTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE MARCH 2020 QUALIFYING ASSESSMENT
FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AS SCHEDULED AND
POSTPONING THE SEPTEMBER 11 and 18, 2020 QUALIFYING ASSESSMENT
FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND RESETTING THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1210 (s. 2019) scheduling the licensure examinations for calendar year 2020 wherein the Qualifying Assessments for Foreign Medical Professionals (QAFMP) were scheduled on March 7 and 14, 2020 and September 11 and 18, 2020;

WHEREAS, the first part of the March 2020 QAFMP was successfully administered however, the government declared the Luzon-wide lockdown due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic that resulted in the postponement of the second part of the QA;

WHEREAS, the Commission, through its Resolution Nos. 1230, 1235, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1252 and 1260 (s. 2020) postponed the affected licensure examinations from March to October 2020 in support of the government efforts to curtail the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1237 (s. 2020) providing for the new schedule of the March-June 2020 licensure examinations wherein the continuation of March 2020 QAFMP was scheduled on June 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine (Board) issued Resolution No. 11 (s. 2020) resetting the June 5, 2020 QAFMP to September 19, 2020 due to the restrictions on people's mobility and public transportation during the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ);

WHEREAS, the Licensure Office (LO) recommended to prioritize the small scale licensure examinations which is more manageable in terms of administrative and logistical considerations;

WHEREAS, the Commission discussed with the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) the conduct of the continuation of March 2020 QAFMP in order to determine their complete performance rating;

WHEREAS, the IATF-EID, through its Resolution No. 62 (s. 2020) approved the resumption of the Part II of the testing activities for the QAFMP scheduled on 19 September 2020. Provided that, the approved examinations to be held on 19-21 September 2020 for the Physicians Licensure Examination and QA shall proceed only in areas under General Community Quarantine and/or Modified General Community Quarantine. Strict health protocols as may be approved by the Department of Health shall be observed. Agencies are directed to render full assistance for the safe and successful conduct of the examinations;

WHEREAS, in view of the low turnout of applicants for the September 11 and 18, 2020 QAFMP, the LO and the Board recommend to postpone the September 2020 QA to the Commission;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission **RESOLVES** that the continuation of the **March 2020 Qualifying Assessment for Foreign Medical Professionals** shall be **HELD AS SCHEDULED on September 19, 2020** to be conducted in Manila only;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the **September 11 and 18, 2020 Qualifying Assessment for Foreign Medical Professionals** is hereby **POSTPONED** and **RESET** to an appropriate date.

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

Done in the City of Manila this **26th** day of August 2020.


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Commissioner


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