

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1426

Series of 2021

POSTPONING THE SEPTEMBER 2021 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS IN BUTUAN, LUCENA, AND ROMBLON

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 Professional Teachers (LEPT) on 28 March 2021 and 26 September 2021;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1311 (s. 2021) was likewise issued postponing the March 2021 LEPT and rescheduling the same to 26 September 2021;

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 1363 (s. 2021), the number of LEPT examinees was divided into four (4) batches, as follows:

- a) First Batch on 26 September 2021 (priority for first time takers and some repeaters will be accommodated in some regions on this batch on a first-come, first-served basis);
- b) Second Batch on 30 January 2022;
- c) Third Batch on 27 March 2022; and
- d) Fourth Batch on 26 June 2022;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), through Resolution No. 119 (s. 2021), provisionally approved the conduct of the Commission's July to September 2021 licensure examinations, subject to the strict monitoring and observance of minimum public health standards and health and safety protocols of the Commission, the issuance of the PRC-DOH-PNP Joint Guidelines, and the community quarantine classification as the IATF may implement on certain provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities;

WHEREAS, upon final consultation with the Local Government Unit (LGU) and City Health Office of Butuan, PRC-Butuan was informed that, in view of the rapid increase of COVID-19 cases in the city and neighboring localities, said LGU could not assure the reversion of the present quarantine status into General Community Quarantine classification and that it would be highly risky if the LEPT will proceed as scheduled;

WHEREAS, on 26 August 2021, PRC-Lucena requested from the local IATF the approval of the conduct of the September 2021 Licensure Examinations for Registered Electrical Engineer, Registered Master Electrician, Librarian, Physician, and Professional Teachers to be held in Lucena City;

WHEREAS, on 01 September 2021, the Lucena City IATF interposed no objection to the conduct of the said examinations except for the LEPT as its conduct would pose a higher health risk due to the large number of examinees;

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer, Chief of Hospital, School Head, proctors, and some of the LGU Mayors in the province of Romblon, the conduct of LEPT is likewise requested to be postponed;

WHEREAS, considering the above cited reasons, the Directors of PRC-Butuan and PRC-Lucena recommend the postponement of the 26 September 2021 LEPT in Butuan, Lucena, and Romblon;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Board for Professional Teachers and the Licensure Office endorsed to the Commission the postponement of the conduct of the September 2021 LEPT in Butuan, Lucena, and Romblon;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVES, as it hereby RESOLVED, to POSTPONE the conduct of the 26 September 2021 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers in Butuan, Lucena, and Romblon.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that requests for transfer of examination testing centers shall no longer be entertained.

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

Done in the City of Manila this **17**th day of September 2021.

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman

OLANDA D. REYES Commissioner