



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1423
Series of 2021

**POSTPONING THE SEPTEMBER 2021 PHYSICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION
IN TUGUEGARAO CITY**

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 Physicians Licensure Examination (PLE) on September 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2021 in the National Capital Region (NCR), Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legazpi, Lucena, Tacloban, Tuguegarao, and Zamboanga;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine (Board) is ready to conduct the September 2021 PLE nationwide, particularly in Tuguegarao City;

WHEREAS, following Tropical Cyclone Bulletin No. 11 issued by DOST-PAGASA on 9 September 2021, Memorandum No. 38 was issued by the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO) of the Province of Cagayan raising Red Alert Status in anticipation of the possible effects of Typhoon Kiko within the province;

WHEREAS, Advisory No. 01 dated 10 September 2021 was subsequently issued by the PDRRMO suspending classes to public and private schools in all levels and work in government and private entities beginning 10 September 2021 until further notice due to possible flashfloods and landslides along low-lying and landslides-prone areas within the province;

WHEREAS, per Tropical Cyclone Bulletin No. 13, Typhoon Kiko slightly intensifies as it threatens extreme Northern Luzon with intensity forecast of Tropical Cyclone Signal Warning (TCWS) No. 4;

WHEREAS, Commission Resolution No. 1178 (s. 2019) which prescribes the guidelines on the suspension or cancellation of Licensure Examinations during inclement weather and other unexpected disasters mandates the Commission to order the cancellation/suspension of the examination when, upon consultation with proper authorities, it has been determined that the impending calamity will pose imminent danger to examinees and examination personnel;

WHEREAS, upon advisory of DOST-PAGASA through Tropical Cyclone Bulletin No. 14 as of 2:00 PM of 10 September 2021, TCWS in Tuguegarao City was raised to TCWS No. 2 (damaging gale-force to storm-force winds prevailing or expected within 24 hours) and TCWS No. 3 (Destructive typhoon-force winds prevailing or expected within 18 hours) in the extreme northeastern portion of Cagayan;

WHEREAS, with the possible flash floods or widespread flooding and destruction, power interruptions, and other unmanageable logistical difficulties, including facility shutdowns as Typhoon Kiko further intensifies, and upon coordination with the Regional DOST-PAGASA and PDRRMO, the Regional Director of PRC-Tuguegarao and the Board recommend the postponement of the September 2021 PLE in Tuguegarao City to ensure the safety of the examinees, examination personnel, including volunteer proctors, against any harm from calamities that may endanger their life and limbs;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to **POSTPONE** the conduct of the September 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2021 Physicians Licensure Examination in **TUGUEGARAO CITY**;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the September 2021 PLE shall proceed in Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legaspi, Lucena, Tacloban, and Zamboanga;

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

Done in the City of Manila this 10th day of September 2021.


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Chairman


YOLANDA D. REYES
Commissioner


JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner