



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1407
Series of 2021

**CANCELLING THE AUGUST 2021 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR
SOCIAL WORKERS IN 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 licensure examinations for calendar year 2021 wherein the Licensure Examinations for Social Workers are scheduled on February 10, 11 & 12, 2021 and August 24, 25 & 26, 2021 to be held in National Capital Region (NCR), Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legaspi, Lucena, Pagadian, Pampanga, Rosales, Tacloban, Tuguegarao, and Zamboanga;

WHEREAS, in as much as all face-to-face non-emergency essential government activities are suspended in Davao until August 31, 2021, the Commission pursuant to Resolution No. 1388 (s. 2021) cancelled the August 2021 Licensure Examination for Social Workers in Davao and opened Koronadal as an additional testing center upon approval thereof by the City of Koronadal;

WHEREAS, Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 119 (s. 2021) provisionally approved the Commission to conduct the 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 and subject to 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, on August 19, 2021, the Office of the President, pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 134 (s. 2021) declared the NCR under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) classification starting August 21 until August 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, the areas placed under MECQ shall observe the following protocols¹, among others:

1. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this section. (As amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 110, April 15, 2021);
2. Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited. Gatherings at residences with any person outside of one’s immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed;
3. The following establishments, persons, or activities shall not be permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during MECQ: Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions; and
4. Face-to-face or in-person classes shall be suspended;

WHEREAS, adhering to the guidelines of the national government to address the COVID-19 pandemic and considering the travel restrictions and health protocols adopted under MECQ, the Professional Regulatory Board for Social Workers and the Licensure Office recommend to the Commission the cancellation of the conduct of the August 2021 Licensure Examination for Social Workers in the NCR.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to **CANCEL** the conduct of the **August 24, 25 & 26, 2021 Licensure Examinations for Social Workers in the NCR**.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Licensure Examination for Social Workers shall proceed in **Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Koronadal, Iloilo, Legaspi, Lucena, Pagadian, Pampanga, Rosales, Tacloban, Tuguegarao, and Zamboanga** on August 24, 25 & 26, 2021.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the affected examinees in the NCR may take the next succeeding examination without forfeiture of their examination fees.

¹ *Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines Updated as of August 19, 2021*

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

Done in the City of Manila this 21st day of August 2021.



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