

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1433

Series of 2021

RESCHEDULING THE OCTOBER 2021 GEODETIC ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION FROM OCTOBER 06 & 07, 2021 TO DECEMBER 22 & 23, 2021 AS URGENTLY REQUESTED BY THE PROFESSION'S STAKEHOLDERS

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 Geodetic Engineers Licensure Examination (GELE) on October 06 & 07, 2021, to be held in the National Capital Region, Baguio, Cebu, and Tuguegarao;

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 1414 (s. 2021), Davao, Legazpi, Tacloban, Pagadian, and Zamboanga were designated as additional testing centers for the October 2021 GELE;

WHEREAS, the Commission through Resolution No. 1419 (s. 2021) extended the deadline for filing of the application for the October 2021 GELE from September 06, 2021 to September 20, 2021;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 1334 (s. 2021), small-scale licensure examination shall be administered unless the profession's stakeholders, such as the Accredited Professional Organization/Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (APO/AIPO), academe, and/or sector, recommend its cancellation or postponement as endorsed by the concerned Professional Regulatory Board;

WHEREAS, in a survey conducted by the Professional Regulatory Board of Geodetic Engineering (Board) on October 01-03, 2021 among the deans, assistant deans, and chairpersons of the Department of Geodetic Engineering of the twenty-eight (28)¹ higher educational institutions offering the Bachelor of Science in Geodetic Engineering degree programs on the rescheduling of the said examination to December 22 & 23, 2021, all focal persons unanimously responded favorably, citing the safety and health protection of the examinees as their primary reason and that their examinees have been advised about the proposed new examination schedule for them to take the necessary adjustments in their preparation for the said examination;

WHEREAS, the Board forwarded the endorsement letters² from the colleges and universities who favorably recommend the rescheduling of the GELE from October 06 & 07, 2021 to December 22 & 23, 2021;

¹ Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, Andres Bonifacio College, Bulacan Agricultural State College, Baguio Central University, Bicol University, Caraga State University, Feati University, Northwestern University, Pampanga State Agricultural University, University of the Philippines - Diliman, University of Southern Philippines Foundation, Visayas State University, St. John Paul II College of Davao, Naga College Foundation, Inc., Tarlac Agricultural University, University of Northern Philippines, University of Saint Louis, Saint Louis University, Northeastern College, Nueva Vizcaya State University, Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation, Holy Trinity University, Negros Oriental State University, Eastern Visayas State University, Western Mindanao State University, Southern Mindanao College, University of Southeastern Philippines, and University of Northeastern Philippines

² 1)Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, 2)University of Northern Philippines dated October 2, 2021, 3)Andres Bonifacio College dated October 1, 2021, 4)Bulacan Agricultural State College dated October 4, 2021, 5)Baguio Central University, 6)Bicol University dated October 1, 2021, 7)Caraga State University dated October 2, 2021, 8)Feati University dated October 2, 2021, 9)Northwestern University dated October 3, 2021, 10)Pampanga State Agricultural University dated October 2, 2021, 11)University of the Philippines, Diliman, 12)University of Southern Philippines Foundation, 13) Visayas State University dated October 2, 2021, 14)St. John Paul II College of Davao dated October 2, 2021, 15)Naga College Foundation, Inc. dated October 4, 2021, 16)Tarlac Agricultural University dated October 3, 2021, 17)Eastern Visayas State University dated October 4, 2021, 18)Nueva Vizcaya State University, 19)Saint Louis University dated October 2, 2021, 20)Negros Oriental State University dated October 5, 2021, 21)Western Mindanao State University dated October 5, 2021, 22)Southern Mindanao Colleges dated October 5, 2021, and 23) University of Saint Louis dated October 5, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board also relayed that the remaining five (5) schools³ were also consulted and expressed their favorable endorsement on the rescheduling of the GELE from October 06 & 07, 2021 to December 22 & 23, 2021;

WHEREAS, also endorsed by the Board on October 04, 2021 was the Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines, Inc.'s, the AIPO, favorable endorsement on the rescheduling of the GELE to December 22 & 23, 2021;

WHEREAS, in view of the risks posed by COVID-19 in various activities related to the preparation for and during the actual licensure examinations, there is an urgent need for adjustments in the preparatory and post-examination activities for the October 2021 GELE in order to help strengthen the efforts of the government to prevent the spread of the virus and the continuous emergence of different variants;

WHEREAS, rescheduling of the said examination may result to a more fully vaccinated number of examinees and easing up of quarantine status in designated various testing centers, and hence, promoting equal chances for all concerned examinees to take 2021 GELE;

WHEREAS, concerned Regional Offices designated as testing centers had already informed their respective GELE examinees on the said rescheduling and the new schedule;

WHEREAS, as the primordial concern is the safety and well-being of all concerned, all stakeholders unanimously requested and convinced the Commission for the urgent postponement of the GELE from October 06 & 07, 2021 to December 22 & 23, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Board and Licensure Office, in consideration of the above premises, recommend to the Commission to reschedule the October 2021 GELE to December 2021;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Commission RESOLVES, as it hereby RESOLVED, to RESCHEDULE the conduct of the October 06 & 07, 2021 Geodetic Engineers Licensure Examination to December 22 & 23, 2021, subject to the favorable endorsement of the Department of Health and favorable directives of the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases and local government units concerned;

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

Done in the City of Manila this _5th_day of October 2021.

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

³, Northeastern College, Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation, Holy Trinity University, University of Southeastern Philippines, and University of Northeastern Philippines