



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1453
Series of 2021

**DESIGNATING CEBU, DAVAO, AND ROSALES AS ADDITIONAL TESTING CENTERS
FOR THE DECEMBER 2021 OPTOMETRISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION
(OLE) – WRITTEN PHASE AND EXTENDING ITS DEADLINE FOR FILING OF THE
APPLICATION UNTIL DECEMBER 10, 2021**

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 OLE – Written Phase on March 21, 22 & 23, 2021 and October 12, 13 & 14, 2021 and the OLE - Practical Phase on April 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2021 and October 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2021, with both phases to be held in the National Capital Region;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1348 (s. 2021) was issued postponing the April 2021 OLE – Practical Phase due to the directive of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases to postpone the scheduled licensure examinations for the month of April 2021 in those areas under General Community Quarantine classification to avoid cross border transfer of examinees and thus rescheduling the said exam to October 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1397 (s. 2021) was issued increasing the number of days of the October 2021 OLE - Practical Phase from October 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2021 to October 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2021;

WHEREAS, the October 2021 OLE (Written and Practical Phase) was postponed per Resolution No. 1429 (s. 2021) and the deadline of filing of the application for the said examination was extended until November 27, 2021;

WHEREAS, with the request of stakeholders to open other testing centers for the OLE – Written Phase, the PRC-Cebu, Davao, and Rosales signified their interest to the same;

WHEREAS, in view of the health measures imposed by the government to mitigate, if not contain, the spread of COVID-19 through, but not limited to, social distancing and travel restrictions from one place to another, the Professional Regulatory Board of Optometry (Board) endorsed the inclusion of Cebu, Davao, and Rosales as testing centers for the welfare of the prospective examinees from the provinces, allowing them to take the OLE without unnecessary distant travel and additional expenses; and

WHEREAS, considering the opening of the other testing centers, the Board requested to the Commission to also extend the deadline of filing of the application for the OLE – Written Phase;

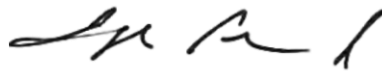
WHEREFORE, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to designate **CEBU, DAVAO, and ROSALES** as additional testing centers for the **December 2021 Optometrists Licensure Examination - Written Phase**;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to **EXTEND** the deadline of filing of the application to take the OLE – Written Phase until **December 10, 2021**;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that necessary coordination shall be undertaken by the appropriate offices/divisions of the Commission for proper dissemination of information.

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

Done in the City of Manila this **6th** day of December, 2021.



TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman



JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner

(VACANT)
Commissioner