WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 (d) of R.A. No. 8981, authorizing the Commission to determine and fix the places and dates of examinations, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1210 (s. 2019) scheduling the licensure examinations for year 2020 including the opening of online processing, deadline for filing of applications, practical examinations, target dates of release of examination results, and Special Professional Licensure Examinations (SPLE);

WHEREAS, the Commission further issued Resolution No. 1216 (A) (s. 2020) adopting a master schedule of target dates of activities for Year 2020 Licensure Examinations wherein the Qualifying Assessment (QA) for Foreign Medical Professionals (FMPs) was scheduled on March 7 and 14, 2020 in the National Capital Region (NCR);

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 922 (s. 2020) was issued declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and calling for the implementation of urgent, critical measures to contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 929 (s. 2020) was thereafter issued declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 which placed the entire country under a State of Calamity for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11469 or the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act of 2020” was passed in view of the continuing rise of confirmed cases of COVID-19 that has become a serious threat to the health, safety, and security;

WHEREAS, the Commission, through Resolution Nos. 1230 and 1232 (s. 2020) cancelled the affected licensure examinations from March to June 2020 in support of the government’s efforts to mitigate, if not contain, the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1237 (s. 2020) providing for the new schedule of the March-June 2020 licensure examinations wherein the Qualifying Assessment for Foreign Medical Professionals was set on 05 June 2020 per recommendation of the Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine (Board) in Board Resolution No. 9 (s. 2020);
WHEREAS, on 12 May 2020, upon recommendation of the Inter Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF) to the Office of the President, Metro Manila (All highly urbanized cities of the National Capital Region and Municipality of Pateros), Laguna province, and Cebu City are considered as high-risk for COVID-19 infections and will be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) from 16 May to 31 May 2020;

WHEREAS, in view of the declaration of the MECQ by the President to curb the further spread of COVID-19 and considering that all licensure examinations in June 2020 are postponed, the Board anticipates challenges on the part of Licensure Office and other support offices in the preparations of the scheduled 05 June 2020 QA for FMPs due to time constraints and uncertainties, thereby recommends to the Commission the postponement of the conduct thereof to 19 September 2020;

WHEREAS, the Board also received several communications from FMPs based in the regions who cited difficulty in public transportation en route NCR while under any of the community quarantine classifications;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Board RESOLVED, as it so RESOLVES, to reschedule the Qualifying Assessment for Foreign Medical Professionals from 05 June 2020 to 19 September 2020.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the International Affairs Office shall prepare the necessary advisory for this purpose. The Application Division shall be responsible for the information dissemination to the thirty-three (33) examinees through their respective email and contact details on record.

Done in the City of Manila this 26th day of May 2020.

[Signatures of Board Members]
Resolution No. 11 (s. 2020)
RESOLUTION RESCHEDULING THE QUALIFYING ASSESSMENT
FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

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