

Republic of the Philippines Professional Regulation Commission Manila



Resolution No. 1716 Series of 2023

LIFTING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1248 (S. 2020) OR "WAIVING THE ACCREDITATION FEE¹ FOR ONLINE TRAININGS AND PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR FREE AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS OF CPD PROVIDERS WHO OFFERED OR STARTED TO OFFER THEIR ONLINE TRAININGS AND PROGRAMS DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 CRISIS"

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) is mandated under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981 or the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000" to perform any and all acts, enter into contracts, make such rules and regulations and issue such orders and other administrative issuances as may be necessary in the execution and implementation of its functions and the improvement of its services;

WHEREAS, Section 6 (c), Article II of R.A. No. 10912 or the "Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016" states that the Commission has the power to formulate, issue, and promulgate guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 922 (s. 2020) was promulgated on 8 March 2020 by former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declaring a *State of Public Health Emergency* throughout the Philippines which shall remain in force and effect until lifted or withdrawn by the President;

WHEREAS, in support to the preceding issuance, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1248 (s. 2020) to further encourage accredited CPD providers to offer their training programs online and free of charge to various registered/licensed professionals and in return, the processing fees for such program applications for CPD accreditation are waived;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 297 (s. 2023) was promulgated on 21 July 2023 by President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. lifting the *State of Public Health Emergency* throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the same Proclamation states that all agencies are enjoined to ensure that their policies, rules and regulations shall take into consideration the lifting of the *State of Public Health Emergency* and to amend existing ones or promulgate new issuances, as may be appropriate. Hence, the CPD Program Management Committee (PMC) recommends the lifting of Commission Resolution No. 1248 (s. 2020).

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to **ADOPT** the recommendation of the CPD PMC to lift the implementation of Commission Resolution No. 1248 (s. 2020). Hence, the regular collection of prescribed accreditation fee for online trainings and programs shall be observed.

This Resolution shall take effect upon approval.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished the University of the Philippines Law Center.

¹ Termed as **Prescribed Processing Fee** pursuant to Commission Resolution No. 1553 (s. 2022) or "New Prescriptive Periods for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Transactions"

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

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Done this <u>9th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 202³ the City of Manila.

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