



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 1745
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**WAIVER OF THE RENEWAL FEE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION
AS ASEAN CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

WHEREAS, Section 7 (g) of Republic Act No. 8981 or the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000” grants the Commission the power to determine and fix the amount of fees to be charged and collected for examination, registration, registration without examination, professional identification card, certification, docket, appeal, replacement, accreditation, including surcharges and other fees not specified under the provisions of Republic Act Numbered Four Hundred Sixty Five as amended by Republic Act Numbered Sixty Five Hundred and Eleven or to charge and collect reasonable fees at the rates higher than the rates provided thereunder subject to the approval by the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, on 9 December 2005, the Philippines signed and agreed to be bound by the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Engineering Services with ASEAN Member States (AMS) which aims to facilitate mobility of engineering services professionals; and to exchange information in order to promote adoption of best practices on standards and qualifications;

WHEREAS, Article 4.2.6.3 of the ASEAN MRA on Engineering Services authorizes Monitoring Committee to further undertake to ensure practitioners registered by the ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer Coordinating Committee (ACPECC) apply from time to time for renewal of their registration, and in so doing, provide evidence that they have complied with the Continuing Professional Development policy of the Country of Origin at a satisfactory level;

WHEREAS, Section 12.1 of the 2021 Philippine Assessment Statement, as amended, prescribes the Administrative and Procedural Guidelines for Registration as ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer (ACPE) provides that an ACPE is required to renew his registration every three (3) years subject to the rules and regulations and prescribed fees;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Guidelines in Implementing the MOA for the Creation of the ASEAN Monitoring Committee on Engineering Services of the Philippines (AMCESP) pursuant to the ASEAN MRA on Engineering Services (IRR MRA-07-2013-01) states that the AMCESP shall ensure that a Filipino ACPE applies for the renewal of his/her local license and ACPE Registration every three (3) years;

WHEREAS, AMCESP issued Memorandum Order No. 1 (s. 2022) or the “Adoption of the ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer of the Philippines Identification Card” which provides that the renewal of the ACPE Identification Card (ID) shall be simultaneous with the ACPE’s PRC Professional Identification Card (PIC);

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC/Commission) issued Resolution No. 1146 (s. 2019) which provides that the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a mandatory requirement in the renewal of the PICs of all registered and licensed professionals under the regulation of the Commission and professional intends to practice the profession in countries covered by bilateral, regional or international agreements in which CPD is a recognition and eligibility requirement, such as the ASEAN MRAs shall not be covered in the transition period for the full implementation of the CPD Act of 2016;

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WHEREAS, on 13 November 2023, during the 50th Meeting of the ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer Coordinating Committee (ACPECC), it was identified that some AMS have one-time registration for their ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers and do not charge registration fees;

WHEREAS, the Commission and the Professional Regulatory Boards under Engineering Services in its continuous promotion of the ACPE Register (ACPER) commits to increase the number of Filipino engineers registered under the Philippine ACPER.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to waive the collection of the renewal fee for the renewal of registration as ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers (ACPE): *Provided*, That, ACPE's PRC Professional Identification Card is updated and compliant with the CPD credit units prescribed by the concerned Professional Regulatory Board in order to maintain the ACPE's registration status in the ACPER. The Application Form for Renewal of Registration as ACPE is attached as **Annex A**.

A Supplementary Guidelines shall be issued including the details on process flow, and documentary requirements for the renewal of the registration as ACPE.


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