



REGIONAL TASK FORCE COVID-19 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

RTF-NCR COVID-19

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Series of 2021

September 9, 2021

DENYING THE REQUEST OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS DURING THE MECQ PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2021

WHEREAS, to address COVID-19 issues affecting the region, the Regional Task Force-National Capital Region (RTF-NCR) Against COVID-19 was created;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has submitted a request letter to conduct a series of licensure examinations from July to September 2021 and has been provisionally approved, subject to strict monitoring and implementation of Minimum Public Health Standards and health and safety protocols of the PRC, and subject to the issuance of the PRC-DOH-PNP Joint Guidelines, and the community quarantine classification as the IATF may implement on certain provinces, HUCs, and ICCs as stated on the IATF-MEID Resolution No. 119, s. 2021 dated June 03, 2021;

WHEREAS, the IATF-MEID supports the draft Joint Administrative Order of the DOH-PRC- PNP on the Revised Standard Guidelines on the Strict Observance of Health Protocols in the Conduct of Licensure Examinations during Public Health Emergency and/or Pandemic as stated on the IATF-MEID Resolution No. 130, s. 2021 dated July 29, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Joint Administrative Order of the DOH-PRC-PNP states that the PRC must communicate with the LGU and Regional IATF on coordination as to the implementation of Community Quarantine in their respective areas, request dispensation or special permit from the LGU to conduct Licensure Examinations in their AOR, and to seek assistance from LGU and Local DILG for the examinees and examination of personnel in going to the examination site and back to their respective homes;

WHEREAS, due to the extension of the implementation of Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until September 15, 2021, limitations on social gathering need to be strictly enforced which includes also Licensure Examinations as form of social gathering;

WHEREAS, due to the implementation of extended MECQ, PRC is requesting the approval of the RTF- NCR to conduct the Licensure Examinations in NCR scheduled during the period of September 8 – 30 2021 as preparations are already in place and further delay of the examinations may hinder the applications of the aspiring professionals in finding work and waste their efforts in preparation for the examination;

WHEREAS, the Memorandum dated August 31, 2021 of OIC-Undersecretary of Health Maria Rosario S. Vergeire for Atty. Charade B. Marcado-Grande, Assistant Secretary of Health, Health Regulations Team and Secretariat, Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases re Request to Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and Center for Health Development (CHD) on Monitoring of PRC Licensure Examinations, it recommended to postpone large capacity board examinations held in closed or crowded settings, and promoting close contact situations, for areas with increases cases and high risk health care utilization;


WHEREAS, in the same Memorandum, it was emphasized that maximum capacity and high risk activity guidelines should follow the national government's risk classification mechanisms.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the RTF-NCR COVID-19 DENIES the request of the PRC to conduct the Licensure Examinations from September 8-15, 2021 which includes the following examinations:


Licensure Examinations	Inclusive Dates
Physicians	September 11 & 12, 2021
Qualifying Assessment for Foreign Medical Professionals	September 13, 2021
Respiratory Therapy	September 15, 2021

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the PRC shall subsequently follow the risk classification mechanisms of the national government for maximum capacity and high-risk activities.

APPROVED by the RTF-NCR COVID-19 this 9th day of September 2021.


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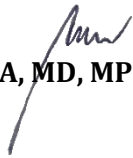
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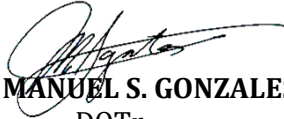
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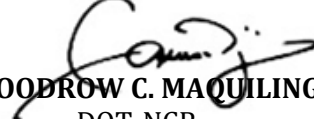
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