



PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

Resolution No. 1248

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WAIVING THE ACCREDITATION FEE 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 (RA) No. 8981 or the "PRC Modernization Act" 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 3(p), Article I of RA No. 10912 or the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Act of 2016 defines online learning as structured or unstructured learning initiatives, which make use of the internet and other web-based Information and Communication Technology solutions;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1207 (s. 2019) entitled "Guidelines on the Accreditation of Online Training Programs" which provides for the requirements and procedures on the accreditation of online CPD program;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1240 (s. 2020) reiterating ways of learning that professionals may earn CPD credit units during this State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19 crisis and one of the ways is through participation on online training programs. To be able to comply with the prescribed social distancing protocols during this health crisis, CPD providers are encouraged to convert their training programs which entail mass gathering to online trainings;

WHEREAS, in order to mitigate the expenses incurred by the CPD providers in the establishment of their online training program that they will offer for free, consideration may be given to them to acknowledge their efforts;

WHEREAS, online CPD programs, including those which provide information about COVID-19, were offered without the required accreditation from the CPD Council concerned due to the sudden disruption of work in the government brought about by the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Continuing Professional Development-Program Management Committee (CPD-PMC) recommends to the Commission to waive the accreditation fee for online trainings and programs offered for free and to accept the application of the CPD providers who offered their online training programs during the State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19 crisis.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to **ADOPT** the recommendations of the CPD-PMC, as follows:

- 1) To waive the prescribed accreditation fee for providers who will offer their online trainings and programs for free to their participants during the State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19 crisis. They need to indicate in their application form that no registration fee for participants will be collected.
- 2) To accept the applications of CPD providers who offered or started to offer their online trainings and programs within the period of March 16, 2020 until the Community Quarantine is lifted for post accreditation, the CPD providers shall follow the process for accreditation of program, however, they need to submit the completion report and attendance sheet of the participants, within fifteen (15) working days from the effectivity of this Resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately, copy furnished the U.P. Law Center.

Done this 29th day of June, 2020 in Manila, Philippines.



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