



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila

RESOLUTION NO. 1607
Series of 2023

**FIXING THE DATES AND PLACES OF THE 2023 SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL
LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES AND SINGAPORE**

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981, also known as the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000”, empowers the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various Professional Regulatory Boards (Boards) in accordance with the rules and regulations it may promulgate and to **determine and fix the places and dates of examinations, and adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of the licensure examinations**;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (E.O.) No. 835 dated October 6, 2009 was issued directing the Commission and other government agencies, through the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), to conduct yearly Special Professional Board Licensure Examinations (hereinafter referred to as Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE)), when so warranted, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other Middle East countries;

WHEREAS, in accordance with R.A. No. 8981, the Commission also conducts licensure examination in countries other than the Middle East;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-stated provisions of R.A. No. 8981 and E.O. No. 835, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1034 (s. 2017), entitled “2017 Revised Guidelines on the Conduct of Special Professional Licensure Examinations for Overseas Filipino Workers”;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Professional Organizations, through the Philippine Embassies/Consulates/Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLO), in the Kingdom of Bahrain (Bahrain), KSA, Qatar, State of Kuwait (Kuwait), UAE, and Singapore have submitted their recommendations on the dates and places of examinations;

WHEREAS, during the coordination meeting with the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) on November 11, 2022, it was agreed that the 2023 SPLE shall be in April 2023 during the Eid al-Fitr holiday;

WHEREAS, the Commission likewise conducted a consultative meeting on December 13, 2022 with the Professional Regulatory Boards of Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Environmental Planning, Geodetic Engineering, Master Plumbing, Mechanical Engineering, Midwifery, Nursing, Professional Teachers, Psychology, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Social Workers, and Veterinary Medicine to determine the dates and places of the SPLE in the Middle East and Singapore for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to fix the dates and places of the Special Professional Licensure Examinations in the Middle East and Singapore for the year 2023 as follows:

I. **DATES OF EXAMINATIONS:**
APRIL 22, 23 and 24, 2023 (Saturday, Sunday and Monday)

II. **LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS AND PLACES OF EXAMINATION**

LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS	TESTING CENTERS
1. Architects	1. Manama, Bahrain
2. Chemical Engineers	2. Al-Khobar, KSA
3. Civil Engineers	3. Jeddah, KSA
4. Electronics Engineers	4. Riyadh, KSA
5. Electronics Technicians	5. Doha, Qatar
6. Environmental Planners	6. Al Ahmadi, Kuwait
7. Geodetic Engineers	7. Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
8. Master Plumbers	8. Dubai, United Arab Emirates
9. Mechanical Engineers	9. Singapore
10. Certified Plant Mechanics	
11. Midwives	
12. Nurses	
13. Psychometricians	
14. Professional Teachers	
15. Radiologic Technologists	
16. X-Ray Technologists	
17. Registered Electrical Engineers	
18. Registered Master Electricians	
19. Respiratory Technologists	
20. Social Workers	
21. Veterinarians	

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the President, DOLE, DMW, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippine Embassies/Consulates, POLO, Filipino professional organizations in Manama in Bahrain; Al-Khobar, Jeddah and Riyadh in the KSA; Doha in Qatar; Al Ahmadi in Kuwait; Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the UAE; and Singapore.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of January 2023.


CHARITO A. ZAMORA
Chairperson


JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner


ERWIN M. ENAD
Commissioner