

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1570, June 11, 1978]

REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

In view of the continuous development in the field of aeronautical science and the dynamic growth of civil aviation, **I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. *Title of the Decree.* This Decree shall be known as the "Philippine Aeronautical Engineering Decree."

SEC. 2. *Objectives.* This Decree provides for and shall govern:

- a. The standardization and regulation of aeronautical engineering;
- b. The examination for registration of aeronautical engineers; and
- c. The supervision, control, and regulation of the practice of aeronautical engineering in the Philippines.

SEC. 3. *Creation of the Board.* There is hereby created under the Professional Regulation Commission a Board of Aeronautical Engineering, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of a Chairman and two members, all to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from among the registered aeronautical engineers of recognized standing in the Philippines upon recommendation of the Commission which shall exercise jurisdiction, general supervision, and administrative control over the Board in accordance with the powers vested in it under existing laws.

SEC. 4. *Qualifications of Board Members.* No person shall be appointed member of the Board of Aeronautical Engineering unless at the time of his appointment, he possesses the following qualifications:

- a. A citizen and resident of the Philippines;
- b. At least thirty-one years of age, and must be of good moral character;
- c. A holder of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering;
- d. A registered aeronautical engineer under this Decree, with the exception of the first group of appointees;
- e. Had been in active practice of aeronautical engineering or teaching of subjects thereof for at least ten years;
- f. Not a member of the faculty of any university, college, institute, or school where a regular course in aeronautical engineering is taught or review classes conducted;
- g. Not financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any university, college, institute, or school where a regular course in aeronautical engineering is taught or review classes conducted; and
- h. Not an elective officer of any professional association or organization of aeronautical engineering.

SEC. 5. *Term of Office.* The Members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three years from and after the date of their appointment: Provided, however, that of the first appointees to the Board, one shall serve for a term of one year and shall

automatically be the Chairman thereof; one for two years and shall serve as Member during the first year, then shall automatically be the Chairman in the subsequent remaining year; and one for three years and shall serve as Member for the first two years and shall then automatically be the Chairman in the third year. Thereafter, chairmanship shall be by seniority membership in the Board, serving first as Member for the first two years, then Chairman in the third year.

No Member of the Board shall serve for more than two (2) successive complete terms and, in case of vacancy by reason of death, resignation, or removal of an incumbent Member, the same shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term of the previous incumbent. Each Member of the Board shall qualify by taking the proper oath of office before entering upon the performance of his duties.

SEC. 6. *Removal of Member.* Any member of the Board may, upon recommendation of the Commission be removed by the President of the Philippines by reason of neglect of duty, incompetence, commission or tolerance of irregularities in the examinations, malpractices, or unprofessional or unethical, immoral, or dishonorable conduct, after having given the opportunity to defend himself in a proper administrative investigation to be conducted by the Commission.

SEC. 7. *Powers and duties of the Board.* Subject to review by the Commission, the Board is vested with authority, conformably with the provisions of this Decree, to—

- a. Administer oaths or affirmations in connection with the performance of its functions;
- b. Issue, suspend or revoke certificates of registration for the practice of aeronautical engineering for justifiable cause;
- c. Study the conditions affecting the aeronautical engineering profession in the Philippines, and exercise such powers as may be necessary for the maintenance of good ethics, morality and professional standards in the practice of aeronautical engineering, and for this purpose, the Board may conduct inspection or visit to determine compliance with this Decree and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, or as an aid in formulating, amending, or revising policies of the Board;
- d. Coordinate with the Commission in prescribing, amending, or revising collegiate courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering;
- e. Determine and impose the essential requirements and facilities, including the minimum number and qualifications of the teaching personnel as well as the student-teacher ratio of universities, colleges, institutes, or schools offering courses in aeronautical engineering and for this purpose visit and inspect the same. The Board may deny admission to the licensure examinations graduates of universities, colleges, institutes, or schools found deficient of the essential and minimum requirements.
Permits or authorization to offer or open aeronautical engineering course shall be based upon the written recommendation of the Board and the representative of the Government entity concerned with the granting of school permits or authorization.
- f. Recommend or adopt from time to time and whenever necessary, such measures as may be deemed proper for the advancement of the profession in keeping with the progress of the aeronautical industry;
- g. Adopt and enforce a Code of Ethics for the practice of aeronautical engineering, and to have an official seal to authenticate its official documents;

and

- h. Promulgate, subject to approval of the Commission for their effectivity, such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Decree.

The Code of Ethics and the rules and regulations shall be published by the Board in the *Official Gazette* and shall take effect fifteen days after the publication.

SEC. 8. Procedure of investigation of violations. The Board shall investigate all violations of the provisions of this Decree and the rules and regulations issued thereunder as may come to its knowledge. For this purpose, the Board shall issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum to secure the appearance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, documents, records and any or all pertinent data as may be necessary in connection with the charges presented to or any investigation pending before the Board. Any Member of the Board may administer oaths or affirmations of witnesses appearing before it.

The Board shall have the power to hold any person in contempt, directly or indirectly and impose appropriate penalties therefor.

A person guilty of misbehaviour in the presence of, or so near the Chairman or any Member of the Board as to obstruct or interrupt the proceedings before the same, including disrespect toward said officials, offensive personalities toward others, or refusal to be sworn or to answer as a witness or to subscribe an affidavit or deposition when lawfully required to do so, may be summarily adjudged in direct contempt by said officials and punished by a fine not exceeding P100.00.

The person adjudged in direct contempt by the of the Board or Member thereof may appeal to the Commission and the execution of the judgment shall be suspended pending the resolution of the appeal.

Indirect contempt shall be dealt with by the Chairman or Member of the Board in the manner prescribed by the Revised Rules of Court.

All decisions of the Board shall be made *en banc*. However, hearing and reception of evidence may be conducted by the hearing officer or professional regulations attorney of the Commission.

SEC. 9. Compensation of Members. Each Member of the Board shall receive a compensation of not less than fifteen pesos for each applicant who shall take the written board examinations, and ten pesos for each certificate of registration to be issued to temporary registration as provided for under Section twenty-one of this Decree.

Any registered aeronautical engineer in the service of any branch of the government of the Philippines appointed as Member of the Board shall receive the same compensation herein provided, in addition to his regular compensation in the government service. All authorized expenses of the Board, including the compensation of the Members thereof, shall be paid by the collecting and disbursing officer of the Commission out of the collection of fees and such other charges fixed under this Decree.

SEC. 10. Conduct of Examinations. The Commission and the Board shall jointly conduct the written examinations given by the Board in accordance with this Decree and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

SEC. 11. *Schedule of fees.* The following fees shall be collected by the Board from any person dealing with it:

a. For the filing of application for written examination	P100.00
For the issuance of certificate	
b. of registration to successful examinees	50.00
For the issuance of certificate	
c. of registration to temporary registrants	250.00
d. For registration without examination	150.00
e. For the issuance of permit Under Section 21	30.00
f. For the reinstatement of a revoked or suspend certificate of registration as well as the replacement of lost, destroyed or mutilated certificate of registration	25.00

SEC. 12. *Annual report of the Board.* The Board shall, within sixty days following the end of each fiscal year, submit to the Commission an annual report on its activities during the fiscal year just ended.

SEC. 13. *Board of Examinations.* Unless otherwise specifically exempted from taking the written examinations as provided for under Section twenty of this Decree, all applicants for registration for the practice of aeronautical engineering shall first undergo the required written technical examinations.

SEC. 14. *Qualifications for examinations.* Any person who shall apply for admission to take the written examinations for aeronautical engineers shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board that he has the following qualifications:

- a. At least twenty-one years of age;
- b. A citizen of the Philippines or of a foreign country qualified to take the examinations under existing laws;
- c. He must be of good moral character and reputation;
- d. A holder of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from any institution of learning recognized by the Government of the Philippines or of an equivalent course offered in any institution of learning in a foreign country, subject to the provisions of existing laws; and
- e. Must not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.

SEC. 15. *Schedule of examinations.* Written examinations of candidates desiring practice aeronautical engineering in the Philippines shall be given by the Board once a year at a date and place to be fixed by the Commission.

SEC. 16. *Scope of examinations.* The examinations provided in this Decree shall consist of written test which shall cover the following subjects: Mathematics, Aerodynamics; Aircraft Structures and Design; Powerplant Theory and Practice; and Air Laws and Regulations, and such other related subject as the Board may deem