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AMENDED GUIDELINES IN THE RELEASE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD MEMBERS AND PRC PERSONNEL FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL PRINTING ROOM AND THE RELEASE OF COPIES OF TEST QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of R.A. No. 8981, otherwise known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000" empowers the Commission to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory boards in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by it and to adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of licensure examinations.

WHEREAS, there were recent incidents that could have compromised the integrity of the examinations that led to the re view of policies and procedures in the administration of licensure examinations.

WHEREAS, there are areas or practices in the preparation of test questionnaires inside the confidential printing room that could be possible sources of irregularities and therefore need to be addressed or changed, as follows:

1. Release of professional regulatory board members and PRC personnel from the confidential printing room one (1) hour after the test questionnaires for the last subject of the day are distributed to the examinees.
2. Release of copies of test questionnaires (one copy each of Set A and Set B) and Question Reference Report (QRR) to the professional regulatory board members when they leave the confidential printing room.

WHEREAS, there are licensure examinations with only one (1) subject scheduled for the day that usually end between the hour of 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the professional regulatory board members and PRC personnel assigned inside the confidential printing room are released at 9:00 O'clock in the morning.

WHEREAS, with the long hours from release inside the confidential printing room up to the end of the examination, there is a room to doubt or there are speculations on the possibility of passing, transmitting or feeding, by the use of electronic gadgets or by any means, the questions and answers from those assigned inside the confidential printing rooms.

WHEREAS, to erase doubts of collusion or leaking of test questions and answers on the part of the professional regulatory board members and PRC confidential printing room personnel, there is a need to change the time of the release of copies of test questionnaires and question reference report (QRR) to the professional regulatory