

[PRC BOARD OF OPTOMETRY RESOLUTION NO. 01, s. 1998, January 30, 1998]

SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION AND THEIR PERCENTAGE WEIGHTS UNDER SECTION 26 (A), RULE V, AND SECTION 32, RULE VI, OF RESOLUTION NO. 03, S. 1997 OF THE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY (RE: RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF OPTOMETRISTS AND THE REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY) AND RESOLUTION NO. 04, S. 1997 (RE: ADOPTION OF THE SYLLABI FOR THE SUBJECTS IN THE THEORETICAL PART OF LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR OPTOMETRISTS)

WHEREAS, Section 26(a), Rule V, of Resolution No. 03, Series of 1997, provides for the subjects and percentage weights of the written (theoretical) examination in Optometry.

WHEREAS, Section 32, Rule VI, of the same Resolution provides for the implementation of Section 31 of Republic Act No. 8050 otherwise known as "The Revised Optometry Law of 1995."

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 04, Series of 1997 of the same Board adopts the syllabi for the subjects in the theoretical part of the licensure examination for optometrists from which questions to be asked in the licensure examination will be taken.

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 31 of R.A. No. 8050 cannot as yet be implemented for the reason that the special course in pharmacology has just recently been provided by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and that no optometrist or graduate in optometry has as yet completed the course.

WHEREAS, the syllabi adopted by the Board in Resolution No. 04, s. 1997 is intended for the six-year course in Optometry as provided in Section 19(c) of the said Act and, therefore, the said syllabi shall only be applicable to the first graduates of the six-year course in optometry as provided in said Section 19(c).

WHEREFORE, the Board RESOLVED as it hereby RESOLVES to suspend the implementation of the provisions of Section 26(a), Rule V, of Resolution No. 03, s. 1997 insofar as the subjects and their weighted average are concerned until the first graduates of the six-year course in Optometry shall take the licensure examination for optometrists as well as the provisions of Resolution No. 04, s. 1997.

The implementation of the provisions of Section 32, Rule VI, of Resolution No. 03, s. 1997 are likewise suspended until sufficient number of optometrists have completed the special course in pharmacology and are ready to take the Special Certification Examination for the use of Specific Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agents.