

**[ PRC RESOLUTION NO. 298, s. 1994, January 31, 1994 ]**

**GUIDELINES ON THE RELEASE OF TOPNOTCHERS EXAMINEES IN THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

WHEREAS the release of topnotcher examinees In the professional licensure examinations has not been consistent in the absence of a written policy thereon:

WHEREAS the documentation and institutionalization of such release will not only ensure consistent implementation of the policy but will also bestow honor and distinction to the topnotchers and their alma maters for their laudable excellent performance and motivate future examinees and their colleges to excel through qualitative educational preparation and the Department of Education, Culture, and Sports (DECS) to enhance the standard of education;

WHEREAS the publication of topnotchers with their schools is consonant with the DECS's "liberalization policy on the operation of schools designed to upgrade and uplift the quality of graduates; and

WHEREAS the Commission has the power under Sec. 5 of P.D. 223 to issue administrative issuances to enforce its functions and improve its services and under Sec. 5 (d) to approve the release of examination results,

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of Sec. 5 (n) and (o), the Commission hereby RESOLVES, as it is so RESOLVED, to prescribe, issue, and promulgate the hereunder guidelines on the release of topnotchers examinees in the professional licensure examinations, viz.:

1. The rank, the name, the college, and the general average rating of the topnotchers shall be indicated in the official release of the examination results.
2. The release shall include the first twenty (20) topnotchers wherein the examination has three thousand (3000) or more examinees provided that the number of successful examinees be not less than one hundred (100); or the first ten (10) topnotchers wherein the examination has less than three thousand but not less than 100 examinees provided that the number of successful examinees be not less than fifty (50). Otherwise no listing of topnotchers shall be made.
3. In case of examinations divided into several grades, the total number of examinees for each grade shall be the basis for the listing of either the top ten or twenty places.
4. A topnotcher examinee whose name is in the deferred-for-registratIon list due to non-compliance with certain requirement can be listed as a topnotcher in the official release of the successful examinees for publication in the newspapers of general