

[PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2004-214, May 13, 2004]

**GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)**

WHEREAS, Section 7 (b) of R.A. No. 8981 empowers the Commission to make such rules and regulations and issue such orders and other administrative issuances as may be necessary in the execution and implementation of its functions and the improvement of its services.

WHEREAS, as a general rule, all examinees shall be treated equally as ordinary examinees.

WHEREAS, there are persons with disabilities (PWDs) such as those with hearing and vision impairment (deaf and blind), physical disability (polio victims, with crutches or on wheel chair), and speech impairment (mute), who are allowed to take the various licensure examinations.

WHEREAS, the Commission finds it necessary to provide guidelines in the conduct of licensure examinations for PWDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission RESOLVED as it hereby RESOLVES to issue and promulgate the following guidelines in the conduct of examinations for PWDs:

1. The application Division/units in the Central Office and Regional Offices shall immediately inform the Commission and the Examination Division of PWDs taking any licensure examination.
2. During the examination process, the Examination Division/Regional Offices shall render the following treatment to the PWDs as follows:
 - a. Blind examinees shall be assigned inside the Examination Division or in a room near the Building or Floor Supervisor in the Central and Regional test centers.
 - a.1 A Room Watcher designated by the Chairperson or in the case of the Regional Offices, by the Regional Directors, shall be assigned to assist the blind examinees in filling up the data on the Examinee's Identification Sheet per information provided by the blind examinee.
 - a.2 The Room Watcher shall read twice the test questions to the examinee and shall mark the answers of the examinee on the Answer Sheets.