

**[ PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2000-663, S. OF 2000,  
May 15, 2000 ]**

**CREATION OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Sec. 75 of Republic Act No. 8435 known as the "Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997" provides for the creation of the Board of Agriculture in the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to upgrade the agriculture profession.

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture issued the Rules and Regulations implementing Republic Act No. 8435 on May 13, 1998.

WHEREAS, Sec. 75 of said Rules and Regulations directs the PRC to create and operationalize the Board of Agriculture under its administrative supervision and control, and the prescription of its powers and functions and other related matters on the licensing and regulation of the practice of the agriculture profession.

WHEREFORE, the Commission, in compliance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations implementing R.A. No. 8435, particularly Sec. 75.1 thereof, in relation to its powers under Sec. 5 of Presidential Decree no. 223, as amended, resolved as it hereby resolves to create the Board of Agriculture under its administrative supervision and control to prescribe its powers and functions relative to the licensing and regulation of the practice of the agriculture profession as follows:

**ARTICLE I - Title**

**SECTION 1.**        *Title* — This Resolution shall be known and cited as the Resolution Creating the Board of Agriculture.

**ARTICLE II - Objectives and Definitions**

**SECTION 2.**        *Objectives* — This Resolution provides for and shall govern:

- a.            the administration and conduct of licensure examination, registration and licensing of agriculturists;
- b.            the supervision and regulation of the practice of the agriculture profession in the Philippines; and
- c.            the upgrading of the agriculture profession and the professionalization of agriculturists.

**SECTION 3.**        *Definitions* — As used in this Resolution, the following terms shall mean:

- a.        *Agriculture* — shall refer to the art, science and business of cultivation of the soil, planting of crops, growing of trees, raising of livestock and poultry including the harvesting of such farm products and

other farm activities and practices performed in conjunction with such farming operation by persons whether natural or juridical.

b. *Practice of the Agriculture Profession* — shall refer to the application of known and fundamental principles peculiar to the condition and requirements of agriculture as a field of science, as an industry and/or business which shall include, but not limited to the following:

1. Consultation, evaluation, investigation and management services requiring the application of knowledge in agriculture and its components.
2. Preparation of plans, specifications, project feasibility studies and estimates and other management services in the production of crops, raising of livestock and poultry, planting of trees and marketing agriculture products.
3. Conduct research and studies in the areas of soil analysis and conservation, crop production, breeding of livestock and poultry and tree planting.
4. Conduct training and extension work in agricultural crop production, poultry and livestock raising and tree planting.
5. Management and/or marketing services related to agriculture as a business or industry.
6. Teaching agriculture subjects in schools, colleges and universities established or recognized by the Government.
7. Employment in the private and government sectors where such employment requires the knowledge and expertise of a licensed agriculturist.

c. *Agriculturist* — refer to a person who is technically qualified and competent to practice the agriculture profession and who has been issued a certificate of registration and professional license as agriculturist by the Board and the Commission.

d. *Agricultural Sector* — refers to the sector engaged in the cultivation of the soil, planting of crops, growing of trees, raising of livestock and poultry including post-harvest handling, primary processing and marketing of such farm products and other farm activities and practices.

e. *Board* — refers to the Board of Agriculture.

f. *Commission* — refers to the Professional Regulation Commission.

### ARTICLE III - **Board of Agriculture**

**SECTION 4.** *Creation and Composition of the Board* — There is hereby created a Board of Agriculture to be composed of a Chairman and five (5) Members, each Member representing one of the six (6) fields of specialization listed in Sec. 15, Article IV, hereof, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from a list of three (3) recommendees of the Professional Regulation Commission for each position chosen from a list of five (5) nominees for each position submitted by the

accredited integrated association of agriculturists; Provided, that a Member representing a field of specialization has a bachelor's degree in that particular field of specialization.

The Chairman and the five (5) Members, who shall be professionally qualified agriculturists, shall be automatically registered as agriculturists and issued certificates of registration and professional licenses upon payment of the required fees and have taken the oath of a professional.

*SECTION 5. Qualifications of Board Members* — The Chairman and Members of the Board of Agriculture shall, at the time of their appointment, possess the following qualifications:

- a. Must be a natural-born citizen and resident of the Philippines.
- b. Must at least be forty (40) years of age.
- c. Must be of proven integrity and possessed of high moral and ethical values in his personal as well as professional conduct.
- d. Must not have been convicted in a final judgement of a crime involving moral turpitude.
- e. Must be a holder of at least a degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, preferably with a master's degree in agriculture obtained from a school, college or university established or recognized by the Government or from abroad and has been engaged in the practice of the agriculture profession for at least ten (10) years before his appointment.
- f. Just not be connected with any school, college or university granting a degree that qualifies graduates of such degree for admission to the licensure examination for agriculturists either as administrative official/employee or faculty member or as owner, partner or stockholder.
- g. Must not be connected with any review center or any entity conducting review classes for candidates in licensure examinations for agriculturists either as owner, partner or stockholder or reviewer.

*SECTION 6. Term of Office* — The Chairman and Members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three (3) years from the date of their appointment until their successors shall have been appointed and duly qualify; Provided, that the first appointees to the Board shall hold office according to the following terms: two (2) Members, one of whom shall be designated Chairman in the appointment, shall serve for three (3) years; two (2) Members shall serve for two (2) years and two (2) Members shall serve for one (1) year.

The Chairman and Members may be re-appointed for another term but in no case shall serve for more than six (6) years.

In case of vacancy in the Board occurring within the term of a Member, the appointee shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term.

*SECTION 7. Compensation of the Members of the Board* — The Chairman and Members of the Board shall receive compensation and allowances comparable to the compensation and allowances being received by the Chairman and members of

existing Professional Regulatory Boards under the Professional Regulation Commission as provided in the annual General Appropriations Act.

*SECTION 8. Removal of Members* — The President may, upon recommendation of the Commission, remove any Member of the Board for any of the following causes:

- a. negligence;
- b. incompetence;
- c. immoral, dishonorable or unprofessional conduct;
- d. violation of or abetting the violation of any provisions of this Resolution or the Code of Ethics for Agriculturists;
- e. conviction in a final judgment of a crime involving moral turpitude.

The right of the respondent to due process and be assisted by counsel in an investigation shall be respected and upheld. The President may, also upon recommendation of the Commission, preventively suspend a Member under administrative investigation.

*SECTION 9. Powers and Functions of the Board* — The Board of Agriculture shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To promulgate, adopt and issue rules and regulations to carry out and/or implement the provisions of this resolution;
- b. To give and supervise the licensure examination for admission to the practice of the agriculture profession;
- c. To administer the oath of a professional to successful examinees in licensure examinations for agriculturists in appropriate mass oath-taking ceremonies to be held for the purpose;
- d. To register and issue certificates of registration to successful examinees in licensure examinations for agriculturists and to persons qualified to register as agriculturists without examination;
- e. To suspend or revoke the certificate of registration and professional license of an agriculturists for causes provided herein;
- f. To adopt an official seal of the Board as well as the seal of agriculturists;
- g. To promulgate, adopt and issue a Code of Ethics for Agriculturists and a Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession;
- h. To look into the conditions affecting the practice of the agriculture profession and, whenever necessary, to adopt such measures as may be deemed appropriate for the enhancement or maintenance of high professional and ethical standards of the practice of the agriculture profession;

- i. To ensure, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), that all educational institutions offering courses in agriculture and agricultural technology shall comply with the policies, standards and requirements of the course prescribed by the CHED in the areas of curriculum, faculty, library and facilities;
- j. To hear/try and decide administrative cases involving violations of the provisions of this resolution and its Implementing Rules and Regulations including the Code of Ethics for Agriculturists and Code of Professional Standards for the Practice of the Agriculture Profession and, for this purpose, to issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum to secure the appearance of witnesses and the production of documents and to testify in connection herewith.
- k. To prescribe guidelines for the implementation of its continuing professional education programs for agriculturists in coordination with the accredited integrated association of agriculturists.
- l. To prepare, adopt and issue, in consultation with the academe, the syllabi or terms of specifications of the subjects for licensure examination and to amend the same.
- m. To discharge and perform such other duties and functions as may be necessary to carry out the objectives and purposes as well as the provisions of this Resolution.

Except in matters which are ministerial in nature, all policies and functions of the Board embodied in Resolutions shall be subject to the review and approval of the Commission.

*SECTION 10. Supervision of the Board; Custodian of its Records, Secretarial and Support Services* — The Board shall be under the administrative supervision and control of the Commission. All records of the Board including applications for examination, examination papers and results, minutes of deliberation, administrative cases and other investigations involving examinees and agriculturists shall be kept and subject to the disposition of the Commission.

The Commission shall provide secretarial and support services to the Board for the efficient and effective implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.

*SECTION 11. Annual Report* — The Board shall, within thirty (30) days from the close of each calendar year, submit an annual report to the President of the Philippines, thru the Professional Regulation Commission, of its proceedings and accomplishments during the preceding year and make recommendations for the adoption of measures that will upgrade and improve the conditions affecting the practice of the agriculture profession in the Philippines.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Examination and Registration**

*SECTION 12. Examination Required* — All applicants for registration for the practice of the agriculture profession shall be required to undergo and pass a written examination as provided herein.

*SECTION 13. Qualifications of Applicants for Examination* — Each applicant for examination shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board that: