

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6506, July 01, 1972]

**AN ACT CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINER FOR
CRIMINOLOGISTS IN THE PHILIPPINE AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Creation and composition of the Board* — There shall be created a Board of Examiners for Criminologists in the Philippines to be composed of a Chairman and two members possessing the qualifications prescribed in Section three of this Act, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Civil Service from among the registered criminologists, if any, or from known criminologists of recognized standing in the profession, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments: Provided, That the first Board of Examiners, for Criminologists to be created pursuant to this Act shall be issued certificate of registration as criminologists without prior examination in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. *Powers vested in the Board.*—The Board of Examiners for Criminologists is vested with authority conformably with the provisions of this Act, to administer the provisions thereof, to issue, suspend or revoke certificate of registration for the practice of criminology to administer oaths.

SEC. 3. *Qualifications of Board Members.*—The members of the Board shall at the time of their appointment be:

- (1) Natural-born citizens of the Philippines;
- (2) Holders of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology (B.S. Crim.) or Master of Criminology (M. Crim.), conferred by a reputable and legally constituted College or Institute of Criminology recognized by Government;
- (3) At least thirty years of age;
- (4) Registered criminologists with at least ten years experience in the profession: Provided, That the requirements of registration shall not apply to appointments to the first Board;
- (5) Non-members of the Faculty of any school, college or institute where a regular course in Criminology is taught, nor have any pecuniary interest in such institution; and
- (6) Not connected with any government agency which operate an academy, training school or institute for the education or training of peace officers or law enforcement agents.

SEC. 4. *Term of Office.*— The members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three years after their appointments unless sooner removed for any of the causes enumerated in Section six of this Act. In which case their successors shall be

appointed immediately and duly qualified, who shall serve the unexpired term only. Each member of the Board shall qualify by taking the proper oath of office prior to entering upon the performance of his duties.

SEC. 5. *Executive officer and Secretary of the Board.*—The Commissioner of Civil Service shall be the executive officer of the Board and shall conduct the examination given by the Board. The Secretary of all the Boards of Examiners appointed under Republic Act Numbered Five hundred forty-six shall also be the Secretary of the Board of Examiners of Criminologists. All records and minutes of the deliberation of the board, including examination papers, shall be kept by the Civil Service Commission under the direct custody of the Secretary.

SEC. 6. *Removal of Board Members.*—The President of the Philippines may remove any member of the Board for neglect of duty or incompetency or for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, after having given the member concerned an opportunity to defend himself in the proper administrative investigation.

SEC. 7. *Compensation of Board Members.*—The members of the Board shall each receive a compensation of not exceeding ten pesos for each applicant examined. All fees shall be received by the officer designated by competent authority as collecting officer for the Civil Service Commission, and such officer shall pay all authorized expenses of the Board, including the compensation provided for by this Act for the members of the Board.

SEC 8. *Annual Report.*—The Board shall submit an annual report to the President of the Philippines after the close of each fiscal year, giving detailed account of its proceedings, during the year and making such recommendation as it may deem necessary and proper.

SEC. 9. *Inhibition against the practice of Criminology.*—No person shall practice or offer to practice as criminologist in the Philippines without having previously obtained a certificate of registration from the Board.

SEC. 10 *Exemption from registration.*—Registration shall not be required of the following classes of persons;

(a) Criminologists from other countries called in for consultations or for a special project related to Criminology not requiring more than five months' residence in the Philippines in any twelve months' period: Provided, That such criminologists are legally qualified to practice as such in their own State or country.

(b) Foreigners employed as technical officers, professor or consultants in such special branches of Criminology or may, in the judgment of the President of the Philippine be necessary and indispensable for the country: Provided however, That they are internationally recognized experts and that they do not engage in private practice during their stay in the Philippines.

SEC. 11. *Examination required.*—Except as otherwise specifically allowed under this Act, all applicants for registration as criminologists shall be required to undergo an examination as provided in this Act.

SEC. 12. *Qualifications for examination.*—Any person applying for examination and

for a certificate, shall, prior to admission to examination, establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

- a. He is at least eighteen years of age and a citizen of the Philippines;
- b. He must be a person of good moral character, as certified to by at least three persons of good standing in the community wherein he resides;
- c. He must not have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude; and
- d. He has graduated in Criminology from a school college or institute recognized by the Government after completing a four-year resident collegiate course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology (B.S. Crim.): Provided, That holders of Bachelor of Laws degree may, within five years after the approval of this Act, take this examination after completing at least ninety-four (94) units of Criminology, Law Enforcement, Police Science and Penology subjects.

SEC. 13. *Holding of examination.*—The Board is hereby authorized to conduct examinations in the Cities of Manila, Baguio, Legaspi, Cebu and Davao whenever practicable at least once a year and on such working days and place as the Board may fix with the approval of the Commissioner of Civil Service. Written or printed notice of examination shall be published in newspapers and copies mailed to each candidate who has filed his name and address with the Secretary of the Board, at least thirty days prior to the date of examinations.

SEC. 14. *Scope of examination.*—The examination shall be in writing and shall cover the following subjects with their respective relative weights:

Subjects	Relative Weight
Criminal Jurisprudence and Procedure	20 %
Law Enforcement Administration	20%
Correctional Administration	15%
Criminalistics	20%
Criminal Sociology	15%
Ethics and Human Relations	10%

However, the Board may change or revise any of the above subjects in the event the Department of Education shall correspondingly change the curriculum prescribed for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology.

In the conduct of the examination, the Board, in its discretion, may give practical and field examinations in subjects, as it may deem fit.

SEC. 15. *Ratings in the examination.*— In order to pass examination, a candidate must obtain a general average of at least seventy-five percent with no rating below fifty percent in any of the subjects.

SEC. 16. *Report of ratings.*— The Board shall within ninety days after the date of the completion of the examination, report the ratings obtained by each candidate to the Commissioner of Civil Service.

SEC. 17. *Oath-taking.*— All successful candidates shall be required to take a