[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 200, September 20, 1994]

INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE FULL COMPUTERIZATION OF THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE VARIOUS REGULATORY BOARDS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, various professions have a crucial role to play in nation-building;

WHEREAS, the quality of the members of a profession and the confidence of the public in their competence depend to a significant extent on the adequacy and integrity of the professional licensure examination;

WHEREAS, the utilization of computers and information technology can considerably enhance the efficient and effective administration of licensure examinations, including measures to protect the integrity of the examination process and the expeditious release of results;

WHEREAS, under Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 223, as amended, and other professional regulatory laws, the licensure examination is a function carried out jointly by the Professional Regulation Commission and the various Professional Regulatory Boards and is the most vital means of initially certifying the technical fitness or competence of an aspirant for the practice of a profession; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 56, dated February 9, 1993, the administrative supervision over the Professional Regulation Commission pertains to the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Professional Regulation Commission shall undertake measures toward the full computerization of the licensure examinations of all Professional Regulatory Boards under the supervision of that Commission.

SEC. 2. The Professional Regulation Commission, in coordination with the various Professional Regulatory Boards, shall issue the necessary guidelines to implement the full computerization of licensure examinations to cover the following matters:

A. Examination Objective, Standards, and Nature;

B. Establishment and Operation of a Computerized Test Bank; and

C. Correction of Test Papers and Grading, Deliberating, Decoding, and Release of Test Results through Computers.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.