[PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2008-417, S. OF 2008, February 01, 2008]

NON-ADMISSION OF EXAMINEES ARRIVING LATE DURING THE CONDUCT OF LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of R.A. No. 8981, otherwise known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000" empowers the Commission to administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory boards in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by it and to adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of licensure examinations.

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2004-243 dated October 25, 2004 the Commission allowed the admission of late examinees provided that the tardiness does not exceed fifteen (15) minutes after the start of the examination and that no examinee has submitted his/her test papers.

WHEREAS, there is a need to return to the previous practice of not allowing examinees arriving late after the start of the examination in order to safeguard the integrity of the examination and to instill discipline among the examinees themselves.

WHEREFORE, the Commission resolved, as it is hereby resolves as follows:

- 1. Under normal conditions, examinees arriving late at the examination room/group to where he/she is assigned after the start of the examinations shall NOT be allowed to take the examinations.
- 2. In special cases such as high floods, typhoons, transport strike, threat to the peace and order situation like mass rally/protest action, mutiny or coup d' etat, the start of the examinations shall be delayed and the time to finish or end shall be adjusted accordingly. The adjusted time to start and to finish the examinations shall be the same in all test centers. Examinees arriving after the adjusted schedule shall no longer be allowed to take the examinations.
- 3. In both instances, the Room Watchers/Proctors shall indicate the examinee's time of arrival on the Examinees' Record of Attendance Sheet for records purposes and shall place the remarks "LATE-NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE EXAM".

Resolution No. 2004-243 dated October 25, 2004, is hereby revoked.

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines whichever is earlier.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished the U.P. Law Center.