

**[ PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2012-649 SERIES OF  
2012, April 26, 2012 ]**

**ADOPTING THE RULES AND PROCEDURES IN ENSURING THE  
VALIDITY OF TEST ITEMS IN LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 (b) of Republic Act No. 8981, known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", empowers the Professional Regulation 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**, Section 7 (d) of the same law also empowers the Commission to adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of licensure examinations;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 7 (o) of the same law, the Commission shall exercise administrative supervision over the various Professional Regulatory Boards and their members;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to fulfill the vision of the Commission in securing for the nation a reliable, credible and progressive system of determining the competence of professionals through valid and trustworthy licensure examinations;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to properly and effectively monitor and evaluate all test items in the Test Questions Data Banks (TQDBs) in order to maintain the validity, reliability and credibility of all the licensure examinations;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for the Commission to establish specific rules and procedures in the preparation/formulation of test items and in the conduct of peer review to be observed by all Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) prior to encoding in the TQDBs and mandatory item analysis after the release of every licensure examination results.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission resolves, as it is hereby resolved, to adopt and promulgate the "Rules and Procedures in Ensuring the Validity of Test Items in Licensure Examinations" herein referred to as Annex "A", which shall form and be an integral part of this Resolution;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished all the Professional Regulatory Boards and officials of the PRC Central and Regional Offices, for their information and guidance; and

FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete and full publication in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Let a copy be furnished the UP Law Center for its information.

Done, in the City of Manila this 26th day of April 2012.

**(Sgd.) TERESITA R. MANZALA**  
*Chairperson*

**(Sgd.) ALFREDO Y. PO**  
*Commissioner*

**(Sgd.) JENNIFER JARDIN-  
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*Commissioner*

ANNEX "A"

## RULES AND PROCEDURES IN ENSURING THE VALIDITY OF TEST ITEMS IN LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

Pursuant to Rep. Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the PRC Modernization Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and Resolution No. 2012-649, Series of 2012, the following rules and procedures are hereby formulated.

### **RULE 1: PRC Office/Personnel Responsible**

1.1 The Rating Division and the Test Development, Research and Statistics Office (TDRSO) assisted by the PRC Test Consultants shall strictly provide support for the implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.

1.2 In order to facilitate the assistance to be provided by the Test Consultants to the Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs), the latter shall be organized into Clusters as follows:

Cluster Engineering, Science, Technological and Marine Related  
1 Professions

Cluster Business, Social and Art-Related Professions  
2

Cluster Medical, Health and Allied Professions  
3

1.3 Responsibilities of the Test Consultants, Rating Division and TDRSO

The Test Consultants shall assist the PRBs in their preparation and formulation of new items and in revising and improving administered items based on the item analysis results. They are prohibited from disclosing any and all matters relating to the formulation, preparation and improvement of test questions/items to third parties.

The Rating Division shall schedule the item analysis meeting of the Test Consultants and PRBs after the release of every licensure