

Invitation for the PRC-CAR Webinar on CPD and CPDASPRC Baguio Regional Office - Regulation Division <car.regulationdiv@prc.gov.ph>
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Madam:

Greetings!

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We look forward to a fruitful partnership with you in the public service.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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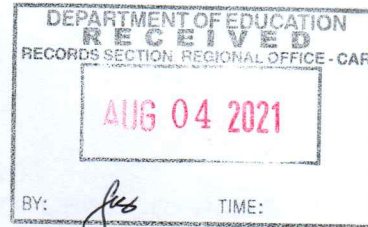
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Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



MEMORANDUM

TO : PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS
REGIONAL OFFICES
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
ALL CONCERNED

FROM : 
YOLANDA D. REYES
Commissioner Oversight for CPD

SUBJECT : Clarifications on the Implementation of Commission Resolution No. 1239 (s. 2020) entitled "Granting Continuing Professional Development Credit Units to All Professionals Providing Essential Services during the State of Public Health Emergency due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019"

DATE : June 4, 2020

On May 22, 2020 a meeting was called to all Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Councils to discuss the recent Commission issuances for the CPD program implementation, namely Resolution No. 1239 entitled "Granting Continuing Professional Development Credit Units to All Professionals Providing Essential Services during the State of Public Health Emergency due to Corona Virus Disease 2019" and Resolution No. 1240 entitled "Reiterating Ways of Learning that can Earn Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Credit Units Particularly during the State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19 Crisis and Extending the Acceptance of Undertaking for the Renewal of the Professional Identification Card (PIC) until December 31, 2021". Instructions were given on the formulation of guidelines on the granting of CPD credit units by the CPD Councils and on other matters concerning the implementation of the CPD program.

In the said meeting, the following were agreed upon for the implementation of Resolution No. 1239, to wit:

- 1) Professionals may avail of any of the activities identified as essential services that can earn CPD credit units as enumerated in paragraph no. 1 of Resolution No. 1239. If another activity was engaged in by the professional as stated in the said provision, corresponding Certification or Declaration in support to the said activity shall have to be submitted. For example, a male Medical Technologist employed in a laboratory assigned to process COVID-19 patients' specimen. In his free time, he participated in the CSR activities of his organization. He may apply both activities under Self-Directed Learning by submitting a Certification from his employer and a Declaration for his volunteer activities.
- 2) Professionals possessing two (2) or more professional licenses who are providing essential services may apply the same activities to the concerned CPD Councils by attaching an appropriate Certification or Declaration applicable to the

professions being applied for. The concerned CPD Council shall evaluate the application and grant corresponding credit units. For example, a female physician who is also a pharmacist and is employed in a hospital. In order to earn credit units for both of her licenses, she shall apply the activity engaged in to both the CPD Councils of Medicine and Pharmacy and shall submit the corresponding Certification from the hospital as a physician and as a pharmacist.

- 3) Annex "A" of the Resolution No. 1239 (s. 2020) or the Certification from Institution/Agency/Entity need not be notarized.

For strict compliance.



Republic of the Philippines
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PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 1239
Series of 2020

GRANTING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT UNITS TO ALL PROFESSIONALS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019

WHEREAS, Section 6, Article II of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10912 or the "Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016" enumerates the powers, functions and responsibilities of the Commission and the Professional Regulatory Boards, including the formulation, issuance and promulgation of guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs;

WHEREAS, due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis, the President issued Proclamation No. 922 (s.2020) declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and Proclamation No. 929 (s. 2020) declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Executive Secretary issued a Memorandum dated 16 March 2020 on the guidelines on the imposition of an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entirety of Luzon;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units in the Visayas and Mindanao regions have likewise imposed quarantine or lockdown measures within their respective jurisdictions through the issuance of various local Executive Orders;

WHEREAS, amidst this health crisis, there is a need to mobilize all resources in order to augment the potential shortage in the supply of health and other professionals, especially in COVID-19 infected localities throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, during this crisis, the Commission recognizes the heroic and indispensable services that professionals have been tirelessly providing in various ways during this period;

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of R.A. No. 10912 provides for the nature of the CPD programs which includes Self- Directed Learning (SDL) and Professional Work Experience (PWE). SDL activities are those activities driven by one's need and motivation to learn either through a professional activity such as professional work experience or volunteer engagement. Professional activity promotes and facilitates enhancement of knowledge, skills and values which provides opportunities for achievement of learning outcomes, while volunteer engagement is done under the ambit of social responsibility, which may or may not directly involve the practice of profession, but may help in the development of the professional in the social milieu. On the other hand, PWE refers to any participation that a professional gains while working in a specific field and work place;

WHEREAS, the CPD Councils have expressed their full support to the Commission in granting CPD credit units to all professionals providing essential services during the State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19 crisis.

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NOW THEREFORE, the Commission hereby **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to **GRANT** CPD credit units to all professional providing essential services during the period of the State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines, until it is lifted, subject to the following provisions:

- 1) Professionals providing essential services during this period shall earn the following CPD credit units:

DESCRIPTION	Maximum CPD Credit Units that may be Granted
<p>Health and Emergency Frontliners that provided public health services [all employees of the Department of Health (DOH), DOH Hospitals, Hospitals of LGUs and Provincial, City, and Rural Health Units, and Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers including those managed by other government agencies (e.g. police and military hospitals/clinics, university medical facilities), uniformed medical personnel], private health workers, such as but not limited to medical professionals, hospital and health facility administrative and maintenance staff, and aides from private health facilities, as well as their service providers, health workers and volunteers of the Philippine Red Cross and the World Health Organization, and the employees of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), the Philippines Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC), disaster risk reduction management officers, and public safety officers.¹</p> <p>Researchers and scientists who developed testing kits, professionals who designed/constructed accommodations for suspected, probable and confirmed COVID-19 patients and health care workers, disinfection chambers and adapted medical equipment such as ventilators and aerosol boxes.</p> <p>Vital Goods and Services Providers who provided health and social services to secure the safety and well-being of persons, such as but not limited to, food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, energy and others as may be determined by the IATF.²</p>	45
Volunteer professionals who offered services during this COVID – 19 crisis, including but not limited to, answering queries about COVID-19, online consultation, public health education and other activities directly related to their profession.	25

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Volunteer professionals who responded and participated in Social Responsibility (CSR) programs / projects, whether in their personal capacity or through organizations, who collected, packed and distributed medical supplies and masks or personal protective equipment (PPE) to hospitals/ medical facilities, and distributed food to frontliners serving in hospitals/medical facilities and security check points.	
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- 2) As proof of the services rendered, all covered professionals shall submit either a Certification from Institution/Agency/Entity (Annex "A") or own Declaration (Annex "B"), as may be applicable.
- 3) Professionals can only use this activity for the Professional Identification Card (PIC) renewal by applying the same under Self-Directed Learning (SDL) modality. However for this purpose the prescribed fee is deemed waived. Credit units earned may be used for two (2) consecutive renewal cycles.
- 4) Professionals, on the appointed date of the release of PIC, shall proceed to the venue chosen to claim it. Upon presentation of the above stated documents and the other requirements for renewal, their PICs shall be released.
- 5) The SDL applications shall be subject to evaluation by the concerned CPD Council within fifteen (15) working days from receipt. The Council may request for additional supporting documents from the applicant if deemed warranted.
- 6) The CPD Councils shall issue their respective advisories to assist and guide the applicants on the award of CPD credit units.
- 7) Professionals who opt to apply the said CPD activities for consideration under the Career Progression and Specialization Program, shall submit the learning outcomes thereof to the concerned CPD Council for evaluation and recognition. The CPD Council may consider the learning outcomes derived from professional experiences during the COVID-19 crisis as part of the requirements for the said program.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately, copy furnished the U.P. Law Center.

Done this 15th day of May, 2020 in Manila, Philippines.



TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman



YOLANDA D. REYES



JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.