

COMPUTERIZATION OF THE CORRECTION OF THE NURSE LICENSURE EXAMINATION PAPERS

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WHEREAS the Board of Nursing, pursuant to Sec. 6, (g) of P.D. 223 and Sec. 23, Art. IV of R.A. No. 877 — the "Philippine Nursing Law", is vested with the power and function to score and rate the examination papers and submit the results thereof to the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission — for short) within one hundred twenty (120) days after the last day of the examination unless extended by the Commission;

WHEREAS under the prevailing system of correction, the 4-month period has proved insufficient to manually correct all the test papers of the thousands of examinees whose number has continually been surging - - in fact, in the June 1990 Nurse Licensure Examination the total number thereof reached 15,102; this June 1991 around 25,000 examinees are expected;

WHEREAS to address this spiralling number of examinees, the Board behooves itself to employ a new, substitute approach for the correction of the test papers — a modern system which can be undertaken by computerizing;

WHEREAS the adoption and enforcement of the herein new method of correction will not only promote expeditious release of the results of the examination, but will also win the public trust and faith in the integrity, sanctity and credibility of the examination which the Commission and the Board are bound to nurture and preserve so as not to erode such trust and faith;

WHEREAS the computerization of the correction of test papers will enhance the standard or degree of gauging, appraising and measuring the skill, knowledge, expertise, and competence of the aspirants for the practice of nursing - - via written examination;

WHEREAS the Board has a cogently rational basis to emulate the Board of Medicine (per Res. No. 232, Series of 1990) in adopting this modern system of correction of test papers, inasmuch as the nature of the questions in the two licensure examination is identical.

WHEREFORE, the Board of Nursing, sitting en banc with a quorum, unanimously supersedes the manual correction of examination papers with the computerized system of correction thereof in the Nurse Licensure Examination, adopts, and implements it in the June 1991 Nurse Licensure Examination and in the subsequent examinations as circumstances shall invariably warrant, with the paramount, ultimate view of attaining the rationale, aims and objectives aforementioned — after the herein Resolution shall have been approved by the Commission.

The herein Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of the publication thereof either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Adopted: 14 May 1991

(SGD.) JULIO B. FRANCA, JR.
Commissioner

(SGD.) MARIANO A. MENDIETA

Associate Commissioner

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