DISALLOWING THE USE OF CASIO CALCULATOR FX-991ES AND FX991ES PLUS IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS, AND OTHER SPECIAL RULES ON THE USE OF CALCULATORS DURING THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

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On October 28, 2009, the Commission issued Memorandum Circular No. 2009-21 updating the list of non-programmable calculators that may be used in the licensure examinations. It took effect on January 6, 2010 after publication in the Official Gazette.

Engr. Praxedes Bernardo, Chairman of the Board of Civil Engineering, requested for the exclusion of Casio Calculator fx-991ES and fx991ES PLUS in the list of calculators that may be used during the licensure examinations dues to their programmable features. The Engineering and Technology Board Chairpersons and Members interposed no objection to such recommendation.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, the Commission hereby adopts the recommendation to disallow the use by examinees of Casio Calculator fx-991ES and fx991ES PLUS in the licensure examinations. Further, the examinees may only be allowed to use only one (1) calculator during the examination. Borrowing, lending and substitution/replacement of calculators while the examination is in progress are strictly prohibited.

Calculators that will be used in the licensure examinations shall be subjected to strict and thorough inspection. Room watchers and supervisors shall exercise vigilance in the inspection of calculators to ensure that these calculators do not have audio-visual features or are not improvised/tampered and audio-visual features.

This Memorandum Circular amends Memorandum Circular No. 2009-21, particularly on the deletion of Casio Calculator fx-991ES and fx991ES PLUS in the list of non-programmable calculators allowed to be used in licensure examinations, and shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation..

Please be guided accordingly.

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