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### MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO: 2021-12-20-036

**TO : ALL PMA MEMBERS**

**SUBJECT : PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1444 (A) SERIES OF 2021**

**DATE : DECEMBER 20, 2021**


Dear Colleagues:

Warmest greetings from the Philippine Medical Association!

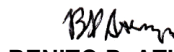
Attached is the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Resolution Number 1444(A) Series of 2021 "Extending the acceptance of the undertaking for the renewal of professional Identification Card until December 31, 2022" Provided, that the execution of undertaking shall not constitute as a waiver of the CPD compliance and that such compliance shall be completed on the next renewal cycle.

For your information and guidance.

Thank you!

  
**MA. REALIZA G. HENSON, MD**  
Secretary General

Noted by:

  
**BENITO P. ATIENZA, MD**  
President



Republic of the Philippines  
Professional Regulation Commission  
Manila



**PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION**

Resolution No. 1444(A)  
Series of 2021

**EXTENDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNDERTAKING FOR THE RENEWAL OF  
PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) is mandated under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981 or the "PRC Modernization Act" to perform any and all acts, enter into contracts, 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 10, Article III of R.A. No. 10912, known as the "Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016", states that the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is hereby made as a mandatory requirement in the renewal of the Professional Identification Cards (PICs) of all registered and licensed professionals under the regulation of the Commission;

**WHEREAS**, Commission Resolution No. 1146 (s. 2019) provided for a transition period to in order to facilitate the development of the necessary standards, processes, capacity, and infrastructure toward the full implementation of the CPD Act. Its Section 10.3 states that the transition period shall expire after all the antecedent requirements have been met. Since then, there are still antecedent requirements that need to be completed;

**WHEREAS**, to aid in the gradual and efficient implementation of the law, professionals were allowed to renew their PICs upon executing an Undertaking to complete the CPD requirement in the next renewal of their PICs;

**WHEREAS**, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic brought about unprecedented effects, including travel restrictions, work disruptions, among others, which made it challenging for professionals to comply with the CPD and other requirements for PIC renewal. This paved the way for the extension of the acceptance of the Undertaking until 31 December 2021 pursuant to Commission Resolution No. 1240 (s. 2020);

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines was further extended for one (1) year, effective 13 September 2021 to 12 September 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1218 dated 10 September 2021;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the Commission to consider further extending the acceptance of the Undertaking while the CPD antecedent requirements have yet to be fully complied with and by reason of the continued imposition of community quarantines, lockdowns, and restrictions throughout the country due to COVID-19;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commission hereby **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to extend the acceptance of the Undertaking **until 31 December 2022**. *Provided*, that the execution of Undertaking shall not constitute as a waiver of the CPD compliance and that such compliance shall be completed on the next renewal cycle.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done this 18th day of November, 2021 in the City of Manila.



**TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.**  
Chairman



**YOLANDA D. REYES**  
Commissioner



**JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.**  
Commissioner