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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.

WHEREAS, all the Professional Regulatory Boards have likewise concurred to authorizing the grant of CPD credit units to professionals in recognition of the tasks and services provided,

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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
<p>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.</p>	25

¹ Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, April 29, 2020

² Ibid

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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
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