

Registration and Licensing

I. Republic Act No. 2382, otherwise known as "THE MEDICAL ACT OF 1959" under Article III Licensure Examination and Registration states:

Permanent Registration:

Section 9. Candidates for board examination. Candidates for Board examinations shall have the following qualifications:

- (1) He shall be a citizen of the Philippines or a citizen of any foreign country who has submitted competent and conclusive documentary evidence, confirmed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, showing that his country's existing laws permit citizens of the Philippines to practice medicine under the same rules and regulations governing citizens thereof;
- (2) He shall be of good moral character, showing for this purpose certificate of civil status;
- (3) He shall be of sound mind;
- (4) He shall not have been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any offense involving moral turpitude; and
- (5) He shall be a holder of the degree of Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent, conferred by a college of medicine duly recognized by the Department of Education.

Temporary Registration:

Section 12. Limited practice without any certificate of registration. Certificates of registration shall not be required of the following persons:

- (a) Physicians and surgeons from other countries called in consultation only and exclusively in specific and definite cases, or those attached to international bodies or organization assigned to perform certain definite work in the Philippines provided they shall limit their practice to the specific work assigned to them and provided further they shall secure a previous authorization from the Board of Medical Examiners.
- (b) Commissioned medical officers of the United States armed forces stationed in the Philippines while rendering service as such only for the members of the said armed forces and within the limit of their own respective territorial jurisdiction.
- (c) Foreign physicians employed as exchange professors in special branches of medicine or surgery whose service may in the discretion of the Board of Medical Education, be necessary.
- (d) Medical students who have completed the first four years of medical course, graduates of medicine and registered nurses who may be given limited and special authorization by the Secretary of Health to render medical services during epidemics or

national emergencies whenever the services of duly registered physicians are not available. Such authorization shall automatically cease when the epidemic or national emergency is declared terminated by the Secretary of Health.

- II. Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as “AN ACT MODERNIZING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE, ENTITLED “CREATING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” states:**

Section 7 (j). Provides that foreign professionals engaged for a limited period of time may be granted Special Temporary Permits upon compliance with the prescribed requirements under PRC Resolution No. 2012-668, Series of 2012.

- III. PRC Resolution No. 2012-668**

Memorandum Order No. 2013-06

Resolution No. 2016-119