



Republic of the Philippines  
Professional Regulation Commission  
Manila



Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology  
Resolution No. 02  
Series of 2020

**ACCEPTING THE ELECTRONICALLY GENERATED CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING (e-COGS) ISSUED BY THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (PAP), THE ACCREDITED INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, TO PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOMETRICIANS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD (PIC)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of Republic Act. No 10029, otherwise known as the Philippine Psychology Act of 2009, bestows upon the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology (Board) the power to supervise and monitor the registration, licensure and practice of psychologists and psychometricians in the Philippines; monitor the conditions and circumstances affecting the practice of psychology and psychometrics in the Philippines; and adopt such measures as may be deemed lawful and proper for the enhancements and maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards of the profession;

**WHEREAS**, Section 31 of this law enjoins the integration of the psychology profession through one national organization whereby all psychologists and psychometricians duly registered and licensed by the Board and the Commission shall automatically become members of the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO). Failure to maintain membership in good standing in the AIPO shall be a cause for listing of the individual as delinquent in the roster of professionals;

**WHEREAS**, Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology (Board) issued Resolution No. 05 (s. 2016) requiring the submission of the membership's Certificate of Good Standing (COGS) from the AIPO for the renewal of the Professional Identification Card (PIC);

**WHEREAS**, the Board issued Resolution No. 11 (s. 2018) approving the renewal of certificate of accreditation of the Psychological Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAP), as the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) for psychologists and psychometricians;

**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 wherein community quarantine protocols were imposed restricting the movement of people;

**WHEREAS**, offices from government agencies, non-government organizations, and the private sectors adopted various policies and guidelines such as Work-from-Home setup and provision of various online tools to support the efforts of the National Government in averting the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace;

**WHEREAS**, the PAP is among those institutions which adopted a Work-from-Home scheme which resulted in the difficulty of providing the necessary services to its members, especially on the issuance of the hard copies of the COGS;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to institute measures to enable the PAP members to secure their COGS which is one of the requirements for the renewal of their PICs;

**WHEREAS**, the PAP Board of Directors signed a Resolution dated July 13, 2020 authorizing the issuance of electronically generated Certificate of Good Standing (e-COGS) to its members;

**WHEREAS**, electronic documents shall have the legal effect, validity or enforceability as any other document or legal writing, subject to the conditions provided for under Republic Act No. 8792 or the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000.

**WHEREFORE**, finding that the electronically generated COGS convenient and efficient to both the PAP and its members, and considering that its authenticity can be validated by the Commission, the Board hereby **RESOLVES** to accept the electronically generated and issued e-COGS of the PAP for the renewal of the PICs of the Psychologists and Psychometricians.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that all Commission Regional Offices processing the PIC renewal of Psychologists and Psychometricians shall verify the authenticity of the submitted e-COGS through PAP-shared Google Drive Folders containing the complete and updated list of released e-COGS with control numbers, including those e-COGS that were corrected.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall be in full force and effect until revoked by the Board, through a Resolution, when circumstances warrant.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished the UP Law Center, the PRC Regional Offices, and PAP.

Done this 12th day of August 2020.

  
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