

## **The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program** **for Registered and Licensed Architects (RLAs) is Back!!!**

The Architect's **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program** as required under **R.A. No. 9266** was recently brought back by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), partly through the exercise of its quasi-legislative powers under **R.A. No. 8981** (The PRC Modernization Act of 2000) and its derivative regulations.

All the forty four (44) state-regulated professions shall undergo the CPD program so that all **PRC**-registered and licensed professionals shall be afforded opportunities to improve their stock knowledge and the skillsets pertaining to their chosen professions i.e. to keep abreast with global professional practices and to help make the Filipino regulated professionals truly world class.

Among the key innovations/ differences with the previous continuing professional education (**CPE**) programs are:

- 1) that the new **CPD** program shall be strictly **voluntary** (and **NOT** mandatory); as such, **no CPD** credit units shall be required by the PRC for the renewal of the PRC identification (ID) cards i.e. the three (3)-year PRC-issued licenses to practice architecture;
- 2) that **testing and the passing** of **CPD** tests/ examinations shall be mandatory to earn the full credit units.

The **CPD** requirement for professional **self-improvement** shall still be at twenty (20) credit units a year or sixty (60) credit units for the three (3) year period covered by a renewed PRC ID/ license to practice.

Cognizant of the fact that regulated professionals must constantly hone and improve their knowledge and skills, there is therefore clear need for individual professionals e.g. registered and licensed architects (**RLAs**) to use such **CPD** opportunities to allow them to move from **general** professional practice to **specialized** professional practice.

For **RLAs** wishing to avail of **CPD** credits, these may be earned through the following modes:

- 1) CPD program offerings/ courses by **CPD Providers** duly accredited by the **Continuing Professional Education Council (CPEC)** for Registered and Licensed Architects (**RLAs**) and approved by the **PRC**;

- 2) **CHED**-recognized graduate (masters) and post-graduate (doctoral) academic degrees earned via residential or distance modes;
- 3) Self-directed Learning Packages;
- 4) Authorship;
- 5) Invention;
- 6) Post Graduate/ In-Service Training; and
- 7) Study/ Observation Tours;
- 8) Professorial Chairs; and
- 9) Other modes recommended by the **CPEC** for **PRC** approval.

In line with the foregoing, the Architects' **Continuing Professional Education Council (CPEC)** shall be formally reconstituted and sworn into office by the PRC on **Thursday, 18 September 2008 (1:00 – 3:00 pm at the PRC Rating Room, 3/F PRC Main Building, Paredes St., Sampaloc District, City of Manila)**.

The **CPEC** for Architects shall have three (3) members appointed by/ nominated from the: 1) Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (**PRBoA**); 2) the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects (IAPOA) i.e. the United Architects of the Philippines (**UAP**); and 3) the Council of Deans and Heads of Architectural Schools in the Philippines (**CODHASP**).

The primary functions of the **CPEC** include but are not limited to: 1) the accreditation of **CPD Providers** i.e. institutions, organizations, schools, firms and individuals; and 2) the approval of **CPD** courses.

The future of **CPD** may include the following:

- 1) the use of earned **CPD** units (in parallel consideration of verifiable professional practice duly certified by the IAPoA and/or the PRBoA) to lead to the granting by the **PRBoA** of a **Certificate of Specialized Practice in Architecture**; and
- 2) the *possible* use of the same **CPD** credits earned to lead to the possible granting by the Commission on Higher Education (**CHED**) of a *possible* academic degree (to be *possibly* based on equivalencies to be officially established and approved by the **CHED**).

The pertinent **PRC**-issued documents relating to **CPD** for **RLAs** follow hereafter. This message is issued for the general guidance of **RLAs** wishing to constantly improving their professional capabilities to meet global practice standards. For the **RLAs** and entities wishing to participate in the **CPD** program, please visit the **PRC Standards and Inspection Office** (at the G/F of the **PRC** Office in Manila) and look for **M. Marjorie Munoz**. Thank You.



Republic of the Philippines  
Professional Regulation Commission  
Manila

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 463**

Series of 2008

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-341, SERIES OF 2006,  
PRESCRIBING FEES FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF  
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) PROGRAMS OF  
DULY ACCREDITED CPE PROVIDERS**

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2006, the Commission issued Resolution No. 2006-341, Series of 2006, thereby amending Resolution No. 2006-321, Series of 2006, by incorporating therein the addendum: "PAYMENT BY DULY ACCREDITED CPE PROVIDERS OF THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00) PESOS FOR EVERY APPROVED CPE PROGRAM WITH A VALIDITY PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS."

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sec. 7 (g) of Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", empowering the Commission to prescribe, charge and collect fees, the Commission has approved the proposal of a study committee to charge a fee of THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00) PESOS for every approved program of duly accredited CPE providers, with a validity period of three (3) years;

**WHEREAS**, the collectible fees shall be deposited with the Bureau of Treasury and shall accrue to the General fund;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to amend Resolution No. 2006-341, Series of 2006, by incorporating therein the addendum: "PAYMENT BY DULY ACCREDITED CPE PROVIDERS FOR EVERY APPROVED CPE PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

- THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00) PESOS WITH A VALIDITY PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS;
- TWO THOUSAND (P2,000.00) PESOS WITH A VALIDITY PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS;
- ONE THOUSAND (P1,000.00) PESOS WITH A VALIDITY PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR."

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Done in the City of Manila this 1st day of August, 2008.

  
LEONOR TRIPÓN-ROSERO  
Secretary

  
RUTH RANA PADILLA  
Commissioner

NILO L. ROSAS  
Commissioner



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**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-465**  
**Series of 2008**

**ATTENDANCE TO THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE)  
COURSES OFFERED BY CPE COUNCIL AND PRC ACCREDITED CPE PROVIDERS  
AS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PROFESSIONALS TO BE IN GOOD STANDING  
AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE**

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides in part that "[T]he sustained development of a reservoir of national talents xxx professionals xxx shall be promoted by the State;"

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), under Section 7 (a), (n), and (y) of Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000" has these specific powers:

"(a) to administer, implement and enforce the regulatory policies of the national government with respect to the regulation and licensing of the various professions and occupations under its jurisdiction including the enhancement and maintenance of professional and occupational standards and ethics and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relative thereto;"

"(n) To adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectively implement policies with respect to the regulation and practice of the professions;"

"(y) To perform such other functions and duties as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, the various professional regulatory laws, decrees, executive orders and other administrative issuances;"

WHEREAS, Section 9 (h) of R.A. 8981 provides that one of the Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of the Various Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) is "(T)o monitor the conditions affecting the practice of the profession or occupation under their respective jurisdictions and whenever necessary, adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of the profession or occupation and/or the maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards, xxx ;"

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines issued on June 23, 2003, Executive Order (E.O.) No. 220, "[D]irecting the Adoption of the Code of Good Governance for the Professions in the Philippines";

WHEREAS, the said Code was adopted by PRC and the PRBs embodying the principles of professional conduct, specifically, integrity, and objectivity, professional competence and global competitiveness;"

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, directed and converted the National Council for Global Competitiveness, to ensure that among other things, our own professionals are also globally competitive in preparation for the effects of economic globalization;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines, as one of the sovereign member states of the World Trade Organization (WTO), has to deal with and prepare itself for the implementation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Protocol, under the General Agreement for Services in Trade (GATS), a general agreement that will govern trade among member nations in twelve (12) Classifications of Services;

WHEREAS, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Protocol under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), the Philippines is mandated to make sure it can offer competitively to other WTO members professional services in Health and Education, Marketing and Distribution, Telecommunications, Business Outsourcing Services, Information Technology, Engineering, Architectural and other Construction services, Tourism and allied services, Transportation and Logistics services, among others, and therefore made attendance by our registered professionals to accredited Continuing Professional Education (CPE) mandatory, as a result of the WTO and GATS initiatives;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines as a member state of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), has to ensure that the Filipino professional is compliant with established requirements in the various Mutual Recognition Arrangements/ Agreements (MRA) entered into under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS);

WHEREAS, these MRA's on, to wit: Nursing, Engineering, Surveying and Architecture services prescribe line requirements prior recognition of competencies/ qualifications for the practice of these professions within the territories of other member states;

WHEREAS, one of the requirements and common to all of these MRA's, is the compliance with satisfactory continuing professional development;

WHEREAS, the PRC, as the instrument of the Filipinos in securing for the nation a reliable, trustworthy, and progressive system of developing professionals whose competencies are globally competitive, has decided to make attendance to the CPE Council and PRC Accredited Continuing Professional Education courses mandatory for registered professionals to maintain their status in good standing and globally competitive, as soon as the list of accredited CPE courses and service providers have been officially released by the PRC;

WHEREFORE, the Commission hereby RESOLVED, as it now RESOLVES, to prescribe and mandate all registered professionals to attend duly accredited Continuing Professional Education courses from duly accredited Continuing Professional Education Service Providers, as soon as the same have been made available by the Commission, to maintain their status in good standing in their respective professions and to ensure their competitiveness in the light of liberalization of trade in services under the 4<sup>th</sup> Protocol of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) pursued by the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the ASEAN where the Republic of the Philippines is an active member.

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen days following its complete and full publication in the Official Gazette any newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1st day of August, 2008.

  
LEONOR TRIPÓN ROSERO  
Secretary

  
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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-466  
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**REPEALING RESOLUTION 2004-179, SERIES OF 2004, THE "STANDARDIZED GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT (CPE/ CPD) SYSTEM FOR ALL PROFESSIONS" AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED STANDARDIZED GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CPE/ CPD SYSTEM FOR ALL REGISTERED AND LICENSED PROFESSIONALS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution partly provides that "the sustained development of a reservoir of national talents x x x professionals x x x shall be promoted by the State;"

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Regulation Commission (the "Commission"), under Section 7 (a), (n), and (y) of Republic Act (RA) No. 8981 otherwise known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000," has these specific powers:

"(a) To administer, implement and enforce the regulatory policies of the national government with respect to the regulation and licensing of the various professions and occupations under its jurisdiction including the enhancement and maintenance of professional and occupational standards and ethics and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relative thereto;"

"(n) To adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectively implement policies with respect to the regulation and practice of the professions;"

"(y) To perform such other functions and duties as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, the various professional regulatory laws, decrees, executive orders and other administrative issuances;"

**WHEREAS**, Section 9 (b) of R.A. No. 8981 provides that one of the Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of the Various Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) is "[T]o monitor the conditions affecting the practice of the profession or occupation under their respective jurisdictions and whenever necessary, adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of the profession or occupation and/or the maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards, x x x;"

**WHEREAS**, the formulation of the policy on CPE is in consonance with the objective to enhance and maintain high professional and occupational, ethical and technical standards in the practice of the professions;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the Republic of the Philippines issued on June 23, 2003, Executive Order (E.O.) No. 220, "[Directing the Adoption of the Code of Good Governance for the Professions in the Philippines";

**WHEREAS**, the said Code was adopted by the Commission and the forty-four (44) PRBs, embodying principles of professional conduct, specifically, integrity and objectivity, professional competence, and global competitiveness;

**WHEREAS**, all the forty-three (43) PRBs and the forty-three (43) accredited professional organizations (APOs) are in favor of implementing a CPE in the practice of their respective professions;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, as the instrument of the Filipino people in securing for the nation a reliable, trustworthy and progressive system of developing professionals whose competencies are globally competitive, has decided to prescribe guidelines and procedures to carry out the CPE for the registered and licensed professionals;

**WHEREFORE**, the Commission hereby **RESOLVED**, as it now **RESOLVES**, to prescribe, issue and promulgate the **Revised** Standardized Guidelines and Procedures for the Implementation of the Continuing Professional Education/ Development (CPE/ CPD) System for All Registered and Licensed Professionals, which is made an integral part hereof as **Annex "A"**.

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen days following its complete and full publication, in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general circulation.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of August, 2008.

  
**LEONOR TRIPÓN-ROSERO**  
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