



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTION NO. 04

Series of 2020

**RECOMMENDING MODIFICATIONS TO COMMISSION MEMORANDUM
CIRCULAR NO. 21 (S 2009): UPDATED LIST OF NON PROGRAMMABLE
CALCULATORS ALLOWED TO BE USED IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 8981 or the PRC Modernization Act of 2000 empowers the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) to administer, implement and enforce the regulatory policies of the national government with respect to the regulation and licensing of the professions under its jurisdiction; administer and conduct the licensure examinations of the various regulatory Boards in accordance with the rules and regulations its promulgated; and to adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of the licensure examinations, among others;

WHEREAS, the Commission, pursuant to its powers under RA No. 8981, issued Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 21 (s 2009) prescribing the allowable calculators for use in all licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Professional Regulatory Boards of Accountancy (PRB-ACC) and Civil Engineering (PRB-OCE), the Commission issued advisories¹ prohibiting calculators which are programmable or with embedded functions, especially Casio FX991ES and Casio FX 991ES plus, in the May 2019 Accountancy and Civil Engineering Licensure Examinations;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology (Board) reviewed the list of allowable calculators under MC No. 21 (S. 2009) for the purpose of recommending possible modifications in the list, as deemed necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, subject to the approval of the Commission, the Board hereby **RESOLVES** to recommend the following:

- a. Calculators with the following features only are allowed – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, trigonometric function, logarithm and xy .
- b. Calculators that can automatically carry out a sequence of operations under control of a stored program, much like a computer and/or with audio-visual features, and/or capable of external communication or Internet connectivity fall under programmable calculators are strictly prohibited.

- c. Only one (1) calculator shall be allowed inside the examination room. All calculators shall be thoroughly inspected by the examination personnel.
- d. Borrowing, lending and substitution/replacement of calculators while the examination is in progress shall not be allowed.

This Resolution shall be applied starting the March 2020 Licensure Examination for Medical Technologists.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately following its publication. Let a copy hereof be deposited to the UP Law Center – National Administrative Register.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of March 2020.


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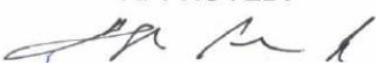

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