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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT : Amendment to the QS of the Head Local Planning and Development Coordinator Positions in the Local Government Units (LGUs)

Pursuant to CSC Resolution No. 1700294 promulgated on 02 February 2017, the Commission amends the qualification standards of the Head Local Planning and Development Coordinator positions in the Local Government Units (LGUs), as follows:

POSITION	EDUCATION	EXPERIENCE	TRAINING	ELIGIBILITY
Provincial Government Department Head (Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator) (SG 26)	Bachelor's degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	5 years experience in development planning or in any related field	None	RA 1080 (Environmental Planner)
City Government Department Head I (City Planning and Development Coordinator I) (SG 25)	Bachelor's degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	5 years experience in development planning or in any related field	None	RA 1080 (Environmental Planner)
City Government Department Head II (City Planning and Development Coordinator II) (SG 26)	Bachelor's degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	5 years experience in development planning or in any related field	None	RA 1080 (Environmental Planner)
City Government Department Head III (City Planning and Development Coordinator III) (SG 27)	Bachelor's degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	5 years experience in development planning or in any related field	None	RA 1080 (Environmental Planner)

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POSITION	EDUCATION	EXPERIENCE	TRAINING	ELIGIBILITY
Municipal Government Department Head II (Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator II) (SG 25)	Bachelor's degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	3 years experience in development planning or in any related field	None	RA 1080 (Environmental Planner)
Municipal Government Department Head I (Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator I) (SG 24)	Bachelor's degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	3 years experience in development planning or in any related field	None	RA 1080 (Environmental Planner)

The appointment of the incumbents of Environmental Planning positions who do not possess RA No. 1080 (Environmental Planner) eligibility but were appointed under permanent status prior to the effectivity of RA No. 10587 shall no longer be disturbed. However, they cannot be promoted to higher Environmental Planner positions unless they possess the required RA No. 1080 (Environmental Planner) eligibility.

The Environmental Planning or Environmental Planner positions referred to in the previous paragraph refer to the Head Local Planning and Development Coordinator positions in the LGUs.

The issuance of temporary appointments to subject positions until June 21, 2018 shall only be allowed in the absence of qualified eligible as certified by the appointing authority.

The above qualification standards shall be the bases of the Civil Service Commission in attesting appointments and other human resource actions for the subject positions in the local government units.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect after fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of publication of CSC Resolution No. 1700294.*


ALICIA dela ROSA - BALA
 Chairperson

29 MAR 2017

*CSC Resolution No. 1700294 dated February 02, 2017 was published on March 6, 2017 in the Philippine Star



QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

Re: Amendment to the QS of the Local Planning and Development Coordinator Positions in the Local Government Units (LGUs)

Number: 1700294

Promulgated: 02 FEB 2017

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article IX-B of the 1987 Constitution provides that *“the Civil Service Commission as the central personnel agency of the Government shall establish a career service and adopt measures to promote morale, efficiency, integrity xxx. It shall strengthen the merit and rewards system, integrate all human resources development programs for all levels and ranks, xxx”*;

WHEREAS, Section 12(1), Chapter 3, Title I (A) Book V of Executive Order No. 292, provides that the Commission shall administer and enforce the constitutional and statutory provisions in the merit system for all levels and ranks in the Civil Service;

WHEREAS, Section 4, Rule IV of the Omnibus Rules Implementing Book V of Executive Order No. 292 and Other Pertinent Civil Service Laws provides that the Commission shall adopt qualification standards for service-wide positions in the first and second levels and shall review and update, whenever necessary, those already established;

WHEREAS, Section 476, Article 6, Title V of the Republic Act No. 7160 or known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides the qualifications, powers and duties of the Local Planning and Development Coordinator;

WHEREAS, in the 1997 Revised Qualification Standards Manual, and as provided in the Local Government Code of 1991, the QS for Head Local Development Planning Coordinator positions, are as follows:

POSITION	EDUCATION	EXPERIENCE	TRAINING	ELIGIBILITY
Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator) (SG 26)	Bachelor’s degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	5 years experience in government planning or in any related field	None	First grade or its equivalent
City Planning and Development Coordinator I (SG 25)	Bachelor’s degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	5 years experience in government planning or in any related field	None	First grade or its equivalent



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Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator II (SG 25)	Bachelor's degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	3 years experience in development planning or in any related field	None	First grade or its equivalent
Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator I (SG 24)	Bachelor's degree preferably in Urban Planning, Development Studies, Economics, Public Administration or any related course	3 years experience in development planning or in any related field	None	First grade or its equivalent

WHEREAS, with the passage of Republic Act No. 10587 (Environmental Planning Act of 2013) dated May 27, 2013 which seeks to regulate the practice of Environmental Planning profession, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) created the Board of Environmental Planning. The said Board prescribes the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the said Act and supervises the registration, licensure and practice of environmental planning among others for purposes of professionalizing the environmental planning profession;

WHEREAS, Section 4(a)(b), Article I, General Provisions of Republic Act No. 10587 defines "**Environmental planning** and **Environmental planner**" respectively, to wit;

"(a) Environmental planning – also known as urban and regional planning, city planning, town and country planning, and/or human settlements planning refers to the multi-disciplinary art and science of analyzing, specifying, clarifying, harmonizing, managing and regulating the use and development of land and water resources, in relation to their environs, for the development of sustainable communities and ecosystems.

“(b) Environmental planner – refers to a person who is registered and licensed to practice environmental planning and who holds a valid Certificate of Registration and a valid Professional Identification Card from the Board of Environmental Planning and the Professional Regulation Commission”;

WHEREAS, Section 42, Article VII, Final Provisions of RA No. 10587 repeals Presidential Decree No. 1308 (Law Regulating the Environmental Planning Profession in the Philippines) dated March 2, 1978;

WHEREAS, Section 36 (a), Article V of the same law provides that “Engaging in the practice of environmental planning in the Philippines without having been registered and licensed or without having conformed to the provisions of this Act” constitutes unlawful practice;

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article IV of the same law also provides that “All environmental planners who are already duly registered with the Board under Presidential Decree No. 1308 and are holders of valid professional Identification Cards issued by the Commission, and who are in good standing with the Accredited Professional Organization (APO) of environmental planners at the effectivity of this Act shall be deemed automatically registered under this Act. Certificates of Registration and valid Professional identification cards held by such persons in good standing shall have the same force and effect as though issued after the passage of this Act;”

WHEREAS, Section 34 of R.A. No. 10587 states that “The Civil Service Commission (CSC) shall xxx set the qualification standards for environmental planners at various levels in government service, including government-owned and controlled corporations and other entities. After the lapse of five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act, only registered and licensed environmental planners shall be appointed to the position of heads, and assistant heads of groups, departments, divisions in government offices, agencies, bureaus or instrumentalities thereof, including government–owned and-controlled corporations, provinces, cities and municipalities, and such other positions which require the knowledge, skills and competence and qualifications of registered and licensed environmental planners. Appointments made thereafter in violation thereof shall be considered null and void;”

WHEREAS, Section 37(a) of the same law states that “Within a period of three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act, local government units may continue to issue appointments to persons who are not registered and licensed environmental planners for the positions of national or local planning and development coordinators, or chiefs of local planning and development offices, only on a temporary status or acting capacity”;

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 10587 took effect on 21 June 2013 after its publication on 06 June 2013, in the Manila Bulletin and Philippine Star. Hence, the five-year period prescribed in Section 34 shall end on June 21, 2018;

WHEREAS, at present, there is a total of 1,660 registered Environmental Planners including the passers of the Environmental Planning licensure examination conducted last June 2016 by the PRC’s Board of Environmental Planning;

WHEREAS, the Professional Board of Environmental Planning, in consultation with other government agencies and Accredited Professional Organization (APO) of Environmental Planners, has yet to identify other Environmental Planner positions in the government which may be covered by R.A. No. 10587;



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WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the Provincial, City and Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator positions in the LGUs as prescribed in Book III, Title V, Section 476, Article VI and Section 484, Article XIV respectively of the Local Government Code of 1991 are considered "practice of environmental planning profession" and fall within the definition of environmental planning as provided in RA 10587;

WHEREFORE, the Commission **RESOLVES** to **APPROVE** the amended QS for Head Local Planning and Development Coordinator positions in the LGUs, as follows:

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The Commission **FURTHER RESOLVES** that incumbents of Environmental Planning positions who do not possess RA 1080 (Environmental Planner) eligibility but were appointed under permanent status prior to the effectivity of RA 10587 shall no longer be disturbed. However, they cannot be promoted to higher Environmental Planner positions unless they possess the required RA 1080 (Environmental Planner) eligibility;

The Commission **RESOLVES FURTHERMORE**, that the issuance of temporary appointments to subject positions until June 21, 2018, shall only be allowed in the absence of qualified eligible as certified by the appointing authority.

The abovementioned qualification standards shall be the bases of the Civil Service Commission in attesting appointments and other human resource actions for the subject positions in the government.

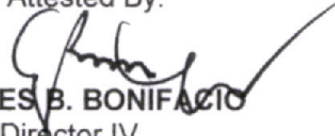
This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) calendar days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Quezon City.


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 Chairperson


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