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Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Resolution No. 107
Series of 2016

**SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AIPO CERTIFICATE OF GOOD
STANDING (COGS) AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)
REQUIREMENTS IN THE RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION
CARDS (PICs) OF PROFESSIONAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (PMEs),
MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (MEs) AND CERTIFIED PLANT MECHANICS (CPMs)**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8495, otherwise known as the Mechanical Engineering Act of 1998, vests upon the Professional Regulatory Board of Mechanical Engineering (Board) the power and duty to: supervise the registration, licensure and practice of mechanical engineers in the Philippines; look into the conditions affecting the practice of the mechanical engineering profession and whenever necessary, adopt such measures as may be deemed proper for the enhancement and maintenance of high professional and ethical standards of the profession;

WHEREAS, Section 29 of the same law states, to wit; "The professional license shall serve as evidence that the licensee can lawfully practice his profession until the expiration of its validity. However, renewal of license can only be done upon payment of renewal fee corresponding to three (3) consecutive years";

WHEREAS, the law requires only payment of the prescribed fees in the renewal of the professional licenses of the Professional Mechanical Engineers (PMEs), Mechanical Engineers (MEs) and Certified Plant Mechanics (CPMs);

WHEREAS, as a means to reinforce the integration of the mechanical engineering profession, the Board and the Commission issued Resolution No. 2003-05 which mandates the submission of the Certificates of Good Standing (COGS) issued by the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) for Mechanical Engineers in the renewal of the Professional Identification Cards (PICs) of all PMEs, MEs and CPMs;

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice (DOJ) opined, in its letter dated July 18, 2004, that "[B]y virtue of the express provision requiring payment of dues and fees, there appears to be no conflict should the respective Boards would require presentation of official receipts as evidence of the payment of the fees and dues." This DOJ Opinion though did not delve into the issue on the legality of the COGS requirement for purposes of renewal of the PICs of professionals;

WHEREAS, there remain inquiries or issues appertaining to the COGS requirement vis-a-vis the renewal of the PICs of the PMEs, MEs and CPMs;

WHEREAS, the recent enactment of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Law will operate to institutionalize the CPD as a compulsory requirement for the continued practice of all professionals, specifically in the renewal of their PICs;

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need for the Board to review and update the requirements for the PIC renewal and to accordingly issue the Operational Guidelines thereon in light of the current developments in the practice.

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IN THE RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS (PICs) OF
PROFESSIONAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (PMEs), MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (MEs)
AND CERTIFIED PLANT MECHANICS (CPMs)

NOW THEREFORE, subject to the approval of the Commission, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Board to hold in abeyance the implementation of the COGS and CPD requirements in the renewal of the PICs of the PMEs, MEs and CPMs pending the issuance of herein cited Operational Guidelines by the Board and the Commission.

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in any major newspaper of national circulation.

Let copies hereof be furnished the U. P. Law Center and the Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers (PSME) for information.

Done in the City of Manila this 5th day of August, 2016.


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