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Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF GEOLOGY

Resolution No. 02
Series of 2019

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE GEOLOGY PROFESSION DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1146 (S. 2019), ENTITLED “AMENDING RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. 1032 (S. 2017), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, KNOWN AS THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ACT OF 2016”

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10912 was enacted to promote and upgrade the practice of the professions in the country and institute measures that will continuously improve the competence of the professionals in accordance with the international standards of professional practice, thereby, ensuring their contribution in uplifting the general welfare, economic growth and development of the nation;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) issued Resolution No.1146 (s.2019), entitled “Amending Relevant Provisions of Resolution No. 1032 (s. 2017), otherwise known as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10912, known as the Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016”, which provides for a **Transition Period** in order to develop the necessary standards, processes, capacity, and infrastructure while minimizing the cost and inconvenience to concerned professionals;

WHEREAS, in order to conform with the provisions of the said Resolution, the Professional Regulatory Boards (Boards) were mandated to issue Operational Guidelines during this Transition Period;

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with the mandate of the Commission and after consultation with the stakeholders, the Professional Regulatory Board of Geology (Board) hereby **RESOLVES** to issue these Operational Guidelines during the Transition Period pursuant to Commission Resolution No.1146 (s.2019), as follows:

Section 1. During the transition period, the following shall be observed:

- a) Registered Geologists employed or working overseas shall not be covered by the CPD requirement.
- b) Newly licensed Geologists shall not be covered by the CPD requirement for the first renewal cycle (3 years) after obtaining their license.
- c) The CPD Council for Geology shall reduce the required CPD credit units for the renewal of Professional Identification Card (PIC) to the following:

Age	Required Credit Units
60 years old and below	15
61 – 70 years old	10
71 years old and above	5

- d) CPD providers with valid accreditation during this transition period may continue their offering of CPD programs.

Section 2. Recognition of Credit Units – All duly validated and recognized CPD credit units earned by a professional shall be accumulated in accordance with the pathways and equivalencies of the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF).

Excess credit units may be used in the next renewal cycle.

CPD credit unit refers to the value of an amount of learning achieved from formal, informal or non-formal learning including professional work experience wherein credits can be accumulated to pre-determined levels for the award of a qualification.

Section 3. Presumptive Approval – The approval of application shall be made by the Council under the following conditions:

3.1. Applications for CPD programs of accredited CPD Providers shall be submitted not less than fifteen (15) working days before the scheduled date of program offering.

Only applications with complete documentary requirements shall be accepted.

3.2. All CPD programs duly submitted for accreditation shall be deemed approved after ten (10) working days from official receipt thereof, if no feedback from the CPD Council is received. However, should the Council require more information, another ten (10) working day period is given upon receipt of additional compliance.

Recurring CPD Activities offered by accredited CPD Providers and evaluated by the CPD Council shall be given the same credit units unless there have been changes in the contents of the said activity. The CPD Provider shall notify the CPD Council at least fifteen (15) working days of the proposed changes.

3.3. All Self Directed Learning (SDL) applications shall be deemed approved after fifteen (15) working days from official receipt thereof, if no feedback from the CPD Council is received. However, should the Council require for more information, another fifteen (15) working day period is given upon receipt of additional compliance.

The maximum number of credit units under Self-Directed Learning shall be limited to 30% of the required credit units in one (1) compliance period of three (3) years. This includes the practice of Geology (in various fields) as regular employee or as part of a geological project.

Section 4. Expiration of the Transition Period – The transition period shall expire after the antecedents have been met as stated in Annex "A" of Resolution No. 1146, (s.2019) upon recommendation of the CPD Council of Geology, through the Board, and approved by the Commission.

Section 5. Accreditation of CPD Program of a CPD Provider accredited by other Profession – Any accredited CPD Provider may apply for accreditation of its program to the CPD Council of Geology (Council) subject to the approval of the Council after evaluation on its relevance, value and/or applicability of the program to the Geology profession as basis of the grant of CPD credit units.

Section 6. In-house Training Programs – In-house training programs and capacity-building activities of government agencies and private employers shall be accredited and considered as CPD compliance of their employed professionals.

6.1. Government agencies and private employers shall apply for accreditation as CPD Providers.

6.2. Upon approval of accreditation, government agencies and private employers shall apply for accreditation of their respective in-house training programs and capacity-building activities.

6.3. For Geologists who are employed by non-accredited (CPD) providers, their certificates of training shall be applied for credit units under Self-Directed Learning (SDL) modality.

Section 7. Geologists Who Executed an Undertaking – Geologists who executed an undertaking before this transition period shall comply only with fifteen (15) credit units.

Section 8. Revised Matrix of CPD Activities – The Revised Matrix of CPD Activities for the Geology profession is hereto attached as Annex "A".

Section 9. Repealing Clause – All resolutions, orders, circulars, issuances and parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity – This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a major newspaper of general circulation, copy furnished the U.P. Law Center.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of November, 2019.

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MATRIX OF CPD ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY/ PARTICIPATION		CREDIT UNITS	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (Submit 1 or 2 of the following:)
1. FORMAL LEARNING (To be applied under Self-Directed Learning modality)			
1.1	Doctorate Degree Or Equivalent	2 CU per academic unit or equivalent; 30 CU additional upon completion of degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University Certification/ Diploma ○ Transcript of Records (authenticated copy)
1.2	Master's Degree Or Equivalent	1 CU per academic unit or equivalent; 20 CU additional upon completion of degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University Certification/ Diploma ○ Transcript of Records (authenticated copy)
1.3	Post Graduate Diploma	Maximum of 30 CU for an 18 –month period OR a fraction thereof upon completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diploma/Certification from the Institution ○ Transcript of Record (authenticated copy)
1.4	Post-Doctoral Associate	4 CU upon completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certification from the Institution
1.5	Professorial Chair	Max. 15 CU per year or a fraction thereof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certificate of Grant or Appointment Paper
1.6	Distance Learning Module International On-Line Courses	Max 10 CU per year or a fraction thereof (to be evaluated by the CPDC) Must meet 2 conditions to qualify : 1. Courses accredited and approved by the APO of the host country 2. CPD accreditation program and approved CPD CUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copy of Online Registration and Confirmation ○ Proof of Payment or Transaction Receipt ○ Certification of Completion of Online Course with corresponding CUs ○ Learning Objectives or Outcomes
1.7	Specialization Programs / Courses	1 CU per academic unit or equivalent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certification from the Institution

	Fellowship Grant		
1.8	1.8.1 Participant	2 CU per grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Certification from the Granting Institution AND/OR</i> ○ <i>Certificate of Fellowship/ Completion</i>
	1.8.2 Resource Speaker	4 CU per grant	
	1.8.3 Research Fellow	5 CU per grant	
	1.8.4 Teaching Fellow	4 CU upon completion	
2. NON-FORMAL LEARNING (Seminar/ Workshop/ Training/ Capacity Building)			
2.1	Participant	1 CU per hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Certificate of Attendance (with number of hours and corresponding accreditation number)</i> ○ <i>Seminar Program</i> ○ <i>Program Description</i> ○ <i>Learning Objectives</i>
2.2	Resource Speaker/ Lecturer	3 CUs for a 40-minute lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Certificate of Appreciation</i> ○ <i>Copy of Papers</i> ○ <i>Program Invitation</i> ○ <i>Event Photo of Speaker</i>
2.4	Panelist/Reactor	2 CU per hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Certification from Sponsoring Organization</i> ○ <i>Copy of Program</i> ○ <i>Event Photo of the Panelist</i>
2.5	Workshop Facilitator	2 CU per hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Certification from Sponsoring Organization</i> ○ <i>Copy of Program</i> ○ <i>Event Photo of Facilitator</i>
2.6	Monitor/Documentation	Twice the number of the approved program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Monitoring Report</i> ○ <i>Certificate of Appearance from the CPD Provider</i>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Authority to Monitor from CPDC ○ Event Photos
2.7	Conference Poster Presenter	2 CU for the first 3 authors 1 CU for the other authors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certification from Sponsoring Organization ○ Copy of Program
2.8	In-Service Training	2 CU per month period or a fraction thereof upon completion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certificate of Training ○ Training Description
<p>Except for 2.6, the above stated activities that did not undergo CPD Accreditation shall be applied under Self-Directed Learning in order to earn CPD credit units.</p>				
<p>3. SELF-DIRECTED (Face to Face / Online, To be applied under Self-Directed Learning Modality)</p>				
3.1	Scientific Conferences	Local 8 CU per day	International 16 CU per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certificate of Attendance (with number of hours from Sponsoring Organization) ○ Seminar Program ○ Program Description ○ Learning Objectives ○ Travel Documents and Tickets
3.2	Technical Report / Paper	5 CU per Technical Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copy of Module and Evaluation
<p>Article Published in a Refereed/Peer Reviewed Professional Journal or Scholarly Journal</p>				
3.3	3.3.1 Author/s	<p><i>Local</i></p> <p>Max 12 CU per article</p> <p>5 CU for the first author 4 CU for the second author 3 CU for the third author +2 CU to be divided</p>	<p><i>International</i></p> <p>Max 18 CU per article</p> <p>7.5 CU for the first author 6 CU for the second author 4.5 CU for the third author</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copy of Published Article

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		equally among the other authors	+4 CU to be divided equally among the other authors	
	3.3.2 Peer Reviewer	<i>Local</i> Max2 CU per article	<i>International</i> Max 4 CU per article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copy of Reviewed Article ○ Peer Review Report
	Pamphlet / Book Or Monograph			
		<i>Local</i>	<i>International</i>	○ Copy of Published Book
3.4	3.4.1 Author/s	<p>Single Author Max 20 CU (25-50 pp) Max 30 CU (51-100 pp) Max 40 CU (>100 pp)</p> <p>2 Authors Max 10 CU (25-50 pp) Max 20 CU (51-100 pp) Max 30 CU (>100 pp)</p> <p>3 Authors or more Max 5 CU (25-50 pp) Max 10 CU (51-100 pp) Max 20 CU (>100 pp)</p>	<p>Single Author Max 20 CU (25-50 pp) Max 30 CU (51-100 pp) Max 40 CU (>100 pp)</p> <p>2 Authors Max 10 CU (25-50 pp) Max 20 CU (51-100 pp) Max 30 CU (>100 pp)</p> <p>3 Authors or more Max 5 CU (25-50 pp) Max 10 CU (51-100 pp) Max 20 CU (>100 pp)</p>	
	3.4.2 Editor	<i>Local</i> ½ of the CU of Authors	<i>International</i> ½ of the CU of Authors	○ Copy of Published Book

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3.5	Article In Magazine/ Newspaper (International or Local) Article or Column or other Mass Communication Media	Max. of 5 CU per article <i>(For multiple authors, divide CU equally among them.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Proof of Publication of Article</i> ○ <i>Copy of Publication or Video or other Mass Communication Media</i>
3.6	Research/projects	Max of 20 CU per project (for projects not more than 5 years; if more than 5 years accreditation will be on a case to case basis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Copy of Research Project Report or MOA with Funding Agency</i>
3.7	Inventions, Patents, Copyrights	Full CU for compliance period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Certified Copy of Patent Certificate</i>
<p>Tours, Travels and Field Visits</p> <p><i>To be covered by a separate application and payment of fees; must apply at least 60 days before PIC expiration date.</i></p>			
<p>3.8.1 Study Tours and Visits</p>			
<p>3.8</p> <p>3.8.2 Foreign Travel</p>		<p>2 CU per day (Max. 20 CU/Tour per cycle)</p> <p>1 CU per Round Trip regardless of number of days and number of countries visited (Max 3 CU per year)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Travel Documents, Boarding Pass, or Proof of Travel as necessary)</i> ○ <i>Proof of Visitor or Attendance (Entrance Tickets)</i> ○ <i>No Repeat Visit per Cycle</i> ○ <i>Photos or Video per day</i> ○ <i>Certificate from Sponsoring Institution or CPD Provider</i> ○ <i>Program Details and Itinerary</i> ○ <i>CV of Tour Resource People</i> ○ <i>Evaluation Report on Learning Objectives & Schedule of</i>




			<i>Activities</i>
3.9	Teaching Geology Courses (e.g. Part-time Lecturer, Thesis Adviser, etc.)	5 CU per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Certificate of Employment / Academic Engagement</i> ○ <i>Certificate of Average Teaching Load in a year</i>
3.10	Professional / Technical Consultations (e.g. Project evaluation, interpretation of new data, Resource assessment, etc.)	Maximum 5 CU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Copy of report or if data is confidential, summary of nature of data and interpretation, or outline of report</i>
3.11	Socio-Civic Activities Using the Profession (e.g. outreach programs, etc.)	1 CU per hour OR 10 CUs per project (to be evaluated and determined by CPDC) (Max 15 CU per cycle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Project Proposal</i> ○ <i>Report or Proof of Participation by Sponsoring Institution or Organization</i> ○ <i>Photos</i> ○ <i>Certificate of Appearance/ Invitation</i>
3.12	Recognition/ Title (e.g. Fellow, Hall of Fame award, Outstanding Professional, Lifetime Achievement awardee, etc. as determined and evaluated by the CPDC)	Full compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Copy of Certification from the Awarding Body (duly notarized)</i>
4	SUCH OTHER ACTIVITIES TO BE RECOMMENDED BY THE CPD COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION		


