



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF CRIMINOLOGY

Resolution No. 10
Series of 2023

**PRESCRIBING THE RULES ON THE ADOPTION, ISSUANCE, DISTRIBUTION, AND
USE OF THE SEAL, PIN, OR BADGE AND THE INDICATION OF RELEVANT
INFORMATION IN THE PRACTICE OF THE CRIMINOLOGY PROFESSION
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 28 AND 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11131 AND
ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11131, otherwise known as "The Philippine Criminology Professional Act of 2018", is the law that regulates the practice of the Criminology profession in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 28, Article IV of R.A. No. 11131 provides that there shall be a seal to be exclusively and legitimately used by the practitioners of the Criminology profession which shall be distributed by the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology (Board) through the Accredited Professional Organization (APO);

WHEREAS, Section 31, Article IV of R.A. No. 11131 further provides that the practitioner of the Criminology profession shall be required to indicate the Certificate of Registration number and date of issuance, the expiry of the current Professional Identification Card, the professional tax receipt number and date, and the APO membership number and date with official receipt number and date of membership payment (annual/lifetime) on the documents one signs, uses or issues in connection with the practice of the profession;

WHEREAS, the Professional Criminologists Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PCAP) is the incumbent Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) for the Criminology profession per Board Resolution No. 03 (s. 2023);

WHEREAS, consultations were undertaken by the Board and the AIPO (PCAP) to discuss and finalize the design of the seal, pin, or badge that will be used or displayed by Registered Criminologists, as well as, the rules on the indication of the relevant information on the documents that Registered Criminologists sign, use or issue in connection with the practice of the profession.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the Board **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to prescribe the following rules on the:

1. Adoption, Issuance, Distribution, and Use of the Seal, Pin or Badge of the Registered Criminologists as required in Section 28 of R.A. No. 11131; and
2. Indication of Relevant Information on the Documents that Registered Criminologists Sign, Use or Issue as required in Section 31 of R.A. No. 11131.

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RATIONALE

R.A. No. 11131, otherwise known as "The Philippine Criminology Profession Act of 2018" brought a paradigm shift in the regulation of the Criminology profession in this country. Section 2 of R.A. No. 11131 provides:

The State recognizes the importance of criminology profession in national security, public safety, peace and order, and in nation-building and development. Hence, it shall develop and nurture competent, virtuous, productive, and well-rounded criminologists whose standards of professional practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-class, and globally competitive through sacred, honest, effective and credible licensure examinations, coupled with programs and activities that would promote professional growth and development.

Recognizing the various scope of practice of the Criminology profession under Section 5 of R.A. No. 11131, the State, through the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) and the Board, regulates the practice of the profession through policies that are geared toward the preservation of excellent, qualitative, world-class and globally competitive professional practice and professional growth and development of Registered Criminologists. Notably, Registered Criminologists have the distinction for having the formal and regulatory preparation in education and in the practice of the profession in the fields of national security, public safety, and peace and order. Consequently, Sections 34, 35, and 36 of R.A. No. 11131 provide certain privileges and benefits to Registered Criminologists. It must also be emphasized that the same law provides penal liability for certain violations of its provisions.

Thus, in order to ensure the continuing possession of excellence and quality, value of integrity and credibility, and to support the mandate and authority in the practice of the Criminology profession, and to operationalize herein identified applicable provisions of R.A. No. 11131, this Guidelines is hereby adopted.

ARTICLE I - THE SEAL OF REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS



The official seal of Registered Criminologists shall be circular in form with the following details: the full description and abbreviated professional title of Registered Criminologist and "RCrim" encircling the "Rays of the Sun", "Color of the Philippine Flag", "Magnifying Glass", "Fingerprint Pattern", and the "Scale of Justice".

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Section 1. - DESCRIPTION OF DETAILS IN THE SEAL

The seal of Registered Criminologists shall remind them about:

1) Full and abbreviated title of "Registered Criminologists" and "RCrim"

Representation that Registered Criminologists and the practice of the Criminology profession are important in upholding national security, public safety, peace and order as well as in nation-building and development (Section 2, R.A. No. 11131). It is also a reminder that the practice of the Criminology profession is a matter of privilege and not a right. Thus, it must be regulated.

2) Rays of the Sun

Representation that the Criminology profession is national in scope, and a golden opportunity to serve the Filipinos and the nation.

3) Color of the Philippine Flag

Representation that the practice of Criminology profession and its importance in national security, public safety, public order and the administration of criminal justice is imbued with nationalistic and patriotic duty, public service and sacrifice for the betterment of the general public and the country.

4) Magnifying Glass

Representation that the practice of Criminology is imbued with public interest. Thus, the performance of the duties, responsibilities, and the delivery of public services of Registered Criminologists require transparency, integrity, honesty, and impeccable credibility. It also represents the forensic science aspect of the practice of the Criminology profession, and the need for the public's continuing vigilance in ensuring that Registered Criminologists keep up with their roles in the administration of justice.

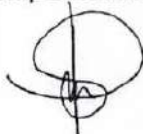
5) Fingerprint Pattern

Representation that the Criminology profession is inclusive which means that despite the diversity in the scope of practice of the profession, all Registered Criminologists are interconnected for they belong to the same profession.

Each kind of ridge formation, location and flows or direction determine the kind of fingerprint pattern. This is a reminder that while individual Registered Criminologists may be engaged in different kinds and areas of practice, he/she can make valuable contribution and impact on the Criminology profession.

6) Scale of Justice

Representation that the Criminology profession plays a vital role in the administration of criminal justice, in general, and in each of the pillars of criminal justice, in particular, where their services and practice are most relevant and indispensable.



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Section 2. - USE OF THE SEAL

The seal herein approved shall be used by all Registered Criminologists in the official performance of their duties and responsibilities while practicing the Criminology profession in any of the scope of practice as stated in Section 5 of R.A. No. 11131. The seal shall be in a form of a dry seal to be affixed or stamped on the document executed by a Registered Criminologist.

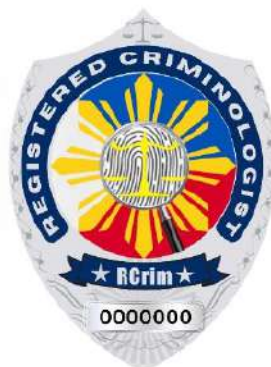
Below is the official dry seal for use by all Registered Criminologists.



Section 3. - USE OF PIN OR BADGE

The image of the seal shall be used as the official pin or badge of Registered Criminologists.

Below is the official Pin or Badge for use by all Registered Criminologists.



Section 4.- ELIGIBILITY TO USE THE CRIMINOLOGISTS' SEAL, PIN, OR BADGE

Only Registered Criminologists whose name appear in the Registry of Registered Criminologists as reflected in the records of the Commission and the Board; whose Certificates of Registration (CORs) have not been revoked or suspended; and whose Professional Identification Cards (PICs) are valid and updated shall be allowed to use the Criminologists' seal, pin, or badge as herein prescribed.

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Section 5.- DISTRIBUTION OF SEAL, PIN OR BADGE

Pursuant to Section 28 of R.A. No. 11131, the seal, pin, or badge of Registered Criminologists shall be distributed to qualified and incumbent Registered Criminologists, through the AIPO.

The distribution of the seal, pin or badge shall be done only through official application or petition to be submitted to the AIPO, its National Officers, or Local Chapter Officer, subject to the submission of the prescribed documentary requirements, such as the COR and updated PIC, among others, pursuant to Section 32 of R.A. No. 11131, and other reasonable documentary requirements which may be required by the Board in the exercise of its regulatory power over the AIPO and in the practice of criminology profession.

Section 6.- PENALTY FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SEAL, PIN OR BADGE

Any person, including Registered Criminologists whose COR has been suspended or revoked or whose PIC is not updated, who shall without authority, use or attempt to use any seal, pin, or badge issued pursuant to this Resolution shall be meted with the penalty prescribed in Section 37 of R.A. No. 11131 after due notice and hearing. This is without prejudice to the filing of other appropriate legal cases against the offending party, as circumstances may warrant.

Concerned Officers of the AIPO who shall issue the seal, pin, or badge in violation of these guidelines may also be meted with the penalty pursuant to Section 37 of R.A. No. 11131.

For this purpose, the AIPO shall initiate and pursue the filing of the verified complaint against such person/s in the proper court, body, office, or tribunal.

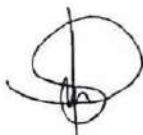
ARTICLE II - INDICATION OF THE REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Section 1. - REQUIRED RELEVANT INFORMATION/PROFESSIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The following are the required relevant information/professional circumstances that must be indicated below the name of Registered Criminologists in the documents they execute or sign, use or issue in connection with the practice of the Criminology profession:

1. COR number and date of issuance, or Special Temporary Permit (STP) number and date of issuance and expiration date;
2. The expiry of the PIC or STP, as the case may be;
3. The Professional Tax Receipt (PTR) number and date of issuance;
4. The APO membership number and date with official receipt number and date of membership payment (annual/lifetime); and
5. Other requirements which the Board, in the exercise of their functions and mandate, may reasonably require.

Below is the official template/format in indicating the professional circumstances of Registered Criminologists.



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RGG, RCrim

COR No. 12345

Validity of PIC until September 30, 2023

PTR No. 67890, Sept. 21, 2023, Valenzuela City

PCAP Membership No. 12345

PCAP OR No. 54321, September 21, 2023, Valenzuela City

Section 2.- PERSONS REQUIRED TO INDICATE THE PROFESSIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

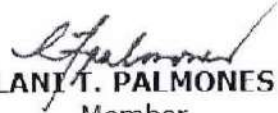
Only persons practicing the Criminology profession shall be required to comply with the provisions of the immediately preceding Section. This includes those who were issued the STP to practice the profession. Provided, that those who are practicing the profession while employed in government or public offices may be exempted from the PTR requirement.

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

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of December 2023.


RAMIL G. GABAO
Chairperson


WARREN M. CORPUZ
Member


LANI T. PALMONES
Member

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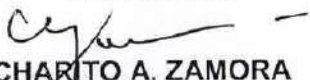
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