

Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

OFFICE OF THE 2022 BAR CHAIR

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MCLE EXEMPTION FOR BAR EXAMINERS AND BAR PERSONNEL, IBP INCENTIVE FOR BAR PERSONNEL, AND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BAR PERSONNEL APPLICATIONS

In a Resolution dated August 2, 2022, the Court *En Banc* granted MCLE exemption under Rule 7, Section 3 of Bar Matter No. 850 to Bar Examiners and Bar Personnel engaged in the 2022 Bar Examinations, as follows:

- (1) Bar Examiners are exempted for one (1) compliance period;
- (2) Members of the Office of the Bar Examinations Chairperson are exempted for one (1) compliance period; and
- (3) Other Bar Personnel are exempted for:
 - a. One (1) compliance period if they render actual service for four (4) Bar Examination days; OR
 - b. Partial credit of nine (9) units for each Bar Examination day that they render actual service.

The above exemptions are subject to the *proviso* that they have complied with all the prescribed protocols and instructions issued by the Bar Examinations Chairperson.

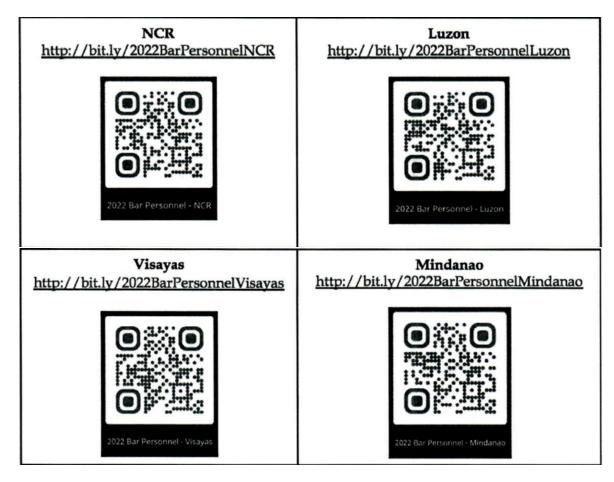
The MCLE exemption granted under the Resolution may be applied to any compliance period and is subject to the administrative filing of the attestation of exemption under the MCLE procedures.

In addition, for lawyers who render volunteer service as Bar Personnel during the 2022 Bar Examinations, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) has waived, by way of incentive, the following requirements for purposes of compliance with the Lifetime Membership requirements of the IBP:

- a. Rendition of one hundred twenty (120) hours of legal aid service; and
- b. Attendance to one (1) regional or national convention of the IBP.

In lieu of the above-mentioned requirements, a certification of such service attested to by the 2022 Bar Examinations Chairperson must be submitted to the IBP as part of the documents in support of the lawyer's application for Lifetime Membership. Provided further, that the other requirements relative to the application for Lifetime Membership shall still be complied with by such lawyer.

Judiciary employees and lawyers outside the Judiciary who are interested to serve as Local Bar Personnel, particularly as (1) Floor Supervisors, (2) Head Proctors, (3) Proctors, and (4) Runners may submit their applications until <u>August 22, 2022</u> through the links below:



Please note that applicants may only apply in the region where they are currently residing. For more information, please refer to OCA Circular No. 190-2022.

For your information and guidance.

August 18, 2022.

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