Implications of RA 10029 on professional practice and the accreditation of institutions providing psychological services
Psychologists play an important role in nation-building & development.

Psychologists have diverse specializations.

Practicing psychologists provide services to diverse types of clients.

The State needs to protect the public by preventing inexperienced or untrained individuals from offering psychological services.
Practice of Psychology

“the delivery of psychological services that involve the application of psychological principles and procedures for the purpose of describing, understanding, predicting and influencing the behavior of individuals or groups, in order to assist in the attainment of optimal human growth and functioning.”
Definition of Terms – Rule 3 Section 3

“Practice of Psychology ”

The delivery of psychological services, includes, but is not limited to*…

- Psychological Interventions
- Psychological Assessment
- Psychological Programs

*Provision allows elbow room for inclusion of other aspects of psychological work
1. PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS

- Psychological counseling
- Psychotherapy
- Psychosocial support
- Life Coaching
- Psychological debriefing
- Group processes
- All other psychological interventions involving the application of psychological principles to improve psychological functioning of individuals, families, groups and organizations
Definition of Terms – Rule 3 Section 3

“other psychological interventions” shall include:

(a) **preventive and therapeutic measures** like play and expressive arts therapy, music therapy and trauma healing; as well as correctional, rehabilitative and behavioral modification measures;

(b) **consultation**, that is, providing extensive knowledge, specialized technical assistance and expertise in an advisory capacity to consultees in regard to mental and behavioral concerns, emotional distress, personality disorders and other neuropsychological dysfunctions.
Psychological Assessment:
gathering and integration of psychology-related data for the purpose of …

a. making a psychological evaluation accomplished through a variety of tools…

b. assessing diverse psychological functions… in support of psychological counseling, psychotherapy and other psychological interventions.
“Psychological evaluation” shall include the making of diagnostic interpretations; reports; and recommendations, as part of a case study, or in support of diagnostic screening; placement; management / administrative decisions; psychiatric evaluation; legal action; psychological counseling, psychotherapy and other psychological interventions.
Definition of Terms – Rule 3 Section 3

3. Psychological Programs

Psychological Treatment Programs and other Intervention Programs for:
- Individuals
- Groups

Development
Planning
Implementation
Monitoring
Evaluation
"other psychological intervention programs” shall include:

- addiction rehabilitation and treatment programs; behavioral management and intervention programs in correctional facilities; psychological training programs which involve inner processing; and mental health programs in disaster and emergency situations, either for individuals and/or communities;
- (b) clinical supervision:
Definition of Terms – Rule 3 Section 3

Clinical Supervision: direction, guidance, coaching, and cliniquing

psychology practitioners, interns, students and psychometricians and other trainees for psychology-related work to meet the standards of quality and excellence in professional practice.
Who are covered by law?

- **Psychologist** – natural person who is duly registered and holds a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional ID card issued by the Board and the PRC (Sec. 3 c)

- **Psychometrician** – natural person who holds a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional ID card as psychometrician issued by the Board and the PRC...(Sec. 3d)
Need for registration of individuals practicing the profession

- By passing a licensure examination for psychologists & psychometricians (Section 11, Art. V)
- By registration without examination (Sec. 16 & 17, Art. V)
  - Period - until May 21, 2015
Need to disclose registration information – Sec. 22, Article VI

- Psychologist or psychometrician must indicate on each document signed, used and issued in connection with the practice of the profession...
  - Registration and professional ID card number
  - Date of issuance
  - Duration of validity
  - Professional tax receipt (PTR) number
SEC. 33. PROHIBITED ACTS

For Individuals: Misrepresentation

- Engage in professional practice without valid certificate of registration
- Represent oneself to be licensed while the certificate of registration has been suspended or revoked/ PICs not valid/ expired/ STP has been cancelled
- Allow any other person to use one’s certificate of registration and PICs or STP for any purpose
For Individuals: Misrepresentation

- Use, exhibit and/or misrepresent as his/her own the certificate of registration and/or PIC or Special Temporary Permit
- Give any false, inaccurate, misleading or incomplete information to the Board to obtain a certificate of registration or PIC or STP.
SEC. 33. PROHIBITED ACTS

☒ NO Corporation, Partnership, Association, or other Entity...

• ... shall operate a psychology or psychometric office, center, clinic or otherwise engage in the practice or allow the practice of psychology or psychometrics within its premises without securing a permit from the Board.

- REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT

- Establishment must be competently staffed by a psychologist; and equipped with sufficient and adequate psychology-related instruments & facilities
Q: ACCREDITING BODY?

- Sec. 40 of RA 10029. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

- DOH AO No. 2013-0006 – Guidelines to “Rule XI: Role of DOH in the Omnibus Rules and Regulations Implementing the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as Amended by Republic Act No. 10022

- CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION [ART. IV (6)]

- DOH-PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT [ART IV (10)]

- ART. V- IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS
  - On Personnel, Physical Facilities & Equipment/Instruments, Service Delivery, Repatriation
Impact of the Laws to clinics

Under R.A. 10029, Psychology Act of 2009:

- The affected party may file a case against the psychologist/psychometrician before the Board of Psychology for any of the grounds under Sec. 26, which may result to suspension, or revocation of professional license.

- The PRBP may initiate action to enjoin, restrain and/or prosecute individuals/entities engaged in the practice of psychology in violation of the law.
• The Certificate of registration/licensure does not allow Psychologists to cross over areas of specialization they do not have the credentials or established qualifications for; thus the need for further certification /accreditation in specialized areas by the PRB or the Accredited professional organization which can be covered under ethics of the profession.
1. Administering and scoring objective personality tests; structured personality tests; pen and paper, computer-aided intelligence, aptitude, achievement and interest tests;

2. Interpreting results of above tests and preparing written reports on results

3. Conducting preparatory intake interviews of clients for psychological and intervention sessions
DEFINITION OF TERMS – RULE 3 SECTION 3

• All the assessment reports prepared and done by the psychometrician, shall always bear the signature of the supervising psychologist who shall take full responsibility for the integrity of the report.
RULE V - Licensure Examinations

QUALIFICATIONS FOR TAKING LICENSURE EXAMINATION

Filipino, permanent resident, or citizen of country that extending reciprocity to the Philippines

- at least master’s degree in psychology with sufficient graduate credits in board subjects
- minimum of 200 hours of supervised practicum/internship/experience related to practice of psychology under licensed psychologist/mental health professional
- sound mind and good moral character
- not been convicted by final judgment of an offense involving moral turpitude
RULE V - Licensure Examinations

Examination subjects for PSYCHOLOGISTS

• Advanced Theories of Personality
• Advanced Abnormal Psychology
• Advanced Psychological Assessment
• Psychological Counseling & Psychotherapy
RULE V - LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS OF PSYCHOMETRICIANS

• Filipino citizen, permanent resident, or citizen of country that extends reciprocity to the Philippines
• at least BA/BS Psychology Degree
• Sound Mind and Good Moral Character
• not been convicted of offense involving moral turpitude
• With credits for (undergraduate) subjects covered in exam
Licensure Examinations

Examination subjects for PSYCHOMETRICIANS

- Theories of Personality
- Abnormal Psychology
- Industrial Psych
- Psychological Assessment
Licensure Examinations

RATINGS REQUIRED TO PASS LICENSURE EXAMS
FOR BOTH PSYCHOLOGISTS & PSYCHOMETRICIANS

A. WEIGHTED GENERAL AVERAGE of at least 75% for all subjects, and
B. NO GRADE LOWER than 60% in any subject

IF B is NOT SATISFIED, examinee must:
○ retake such subject or subjects within the next 2 years
○ get a passing grade of at least 75% in the removal exam, else, he/she is considered failed and has to retake all Board Examination subjects.
REGISTRATION WITHOUT EXAMINATION - PSYCHOLOGIST

- possesses the qualifications required to take the examination for registration as a psychologist
- must submit credentials satisfactory to the Board that on or prior to June 2, 2010, he/she obtained:
  - Doctoral degree in psychology; minimum of 3 years work experience in practice of psychology;
  - Master’s degree in psychology; min of 5 years work experience in practice of psychology;
• Psychologists presently employed in government and private agencies as Psychologists; provided,
  ❑ has bachelor’s degree in psychology
  ❑ min of 10 yrs work experience as Psychologist
  ❑ has updated professional education in psychology; -- at least 100 hours of psychology-related updating workshops and training programs across various areas and specialties
“Professional education in various psychology-related functions” shall mean completion of at least 100 hours of updating workshops and training programs across various areas and specialties in psychology conducted by duly established national or international organizations of psychologists, psychiatrists and other allied mental health professionals, in the last five (5) years immediately preceding the effectivity of the law.
REGISTRATION WITHOUT EXAMINATION - PSYCHOMETRICIAN

• Obtained bachelor’s degree in psychology and minimum of 2 years full time work experience in practice of psychometrics
• Has qualifications to take exam for registration as psychometrician
• Must have met above requirements ON or PRIOR to June 2, 2010
• Applies for registration without examination, submits credentials and files said application within 3 years, until May 21, 2015
ON LINE APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR REGISTRATION WITHOUT EXAMINATION

• Applications can only be done on line.

• Before you fill up your application, read the instructions and make certain you have thoroughly satisfied and checked the required information prior to submission for pre-evaluation.

• Make sure as well that you have fully read and understood the stipulations of Republic Act. No. 10029, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM
REGISTRATION WITHOUT EXAMINATION

• Assess your own qualifications against requirements and decide whether you are applying for licensure as a psychologist or as a psychometrician, or both.

• You need to accomplish separate forms and pay separate fees for each application.
Steps in Filing Application for Registration Without Examination

- Fill-out application form on line for pre-evaluation and submit
- After receiving acknowledgement through email that application has been submitted successfully together with an order form for payment, applicant must follow the steps hereunder:
On assigned date, go to Customer Service Center of nearest PRC office and secure one (1) P15 metered documentary stamp. Affix documentary stamp on space provided in application form, sign it and indicate date when application form was accomplished. Proceed to cashier's window for payment of application fee (P900.00 for each application).
Submit copy of official receipt (OR) evidencing payment together with duly accomplished application form and documents to:

- For Psychologist and Psychometrician - Window 12, Application Division at the Ground Floor of PRC Main Building
- PRC Regional Offices
• Submit all required documents in a clear book with confirmation number and official notice of submission from the PRB on the first page, a table of contents on the second, the printed application form on the third page, and the rest of the documents in subsequent pages arranged according to the list provided.
• Application processor will conduct initial screening of application documents and should inform the applicant of any deficiency at this time. Applicant should receive a claim stub after initial screening is done.
After receipt by PRC of applicant's documents, he/she should wait for official notification from PRC through email. Applicant is also advised to check the PRC website regularly to check whether the application has been approved or call tel. no. 3101018 to inquire about the status of application.
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: PSYCHOLOGIST:

- Original and Photocopy of Certificate of Live Birth in NSO Security Paper
- Original and Photocopy of Marriage Certificate in NSO Security paper (for married female only).
- Original and Photocopy of Transcript of Records with scanned picture and with the Special Order Number indicated (for both undergraduate and graduate degrees). Where school is exempted from the issuance of an SO, a certificate of authentication and validation (CAV) must be secured
• For those who do not have a master’s degree, a certified true copy of updating seminars and workshops attended from June 2005 to June 2010 must be presented/submitted.

• Original Certificates of Practice / Work Experience(s):
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: PSYCHOLOGIST:

• Certificate of Employment from immediate superior duly noted by the HR Manager/ Employer specifying the position title, nature of work and specific period of employment duly sworn in and notarized under oath by the issuing authorities. Official Job Description signed by the HR Manager must be attached.
For those self-employed:

- Certificate of private practice from colleagues/professional partners and/or institutional clients, specifying the nature of work / services rendered and the duration thereof, duly sworn in and notarized under oath;
• Work Contract(s) if any and/or sworn in statement of the practitioner specifying the nature, scope, and duration of project engagement or services rendered, and the regularity of service-delivery with the undertaking that documentary evidence will be produced when required by the Board
• Business Permit and DTI Registration
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: PSYCHOLOGIST:

Three (3) Original Certificates of Good Moral Character, from any of the following: School, Employer, Church, and/or Brgy. Captain duly signed by issuing authority and notarized under oath
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: PSYCHOLOGIST:

- Original Certificate of Mental Health or Mental Fitness from a Psychiatrist or from a Registered/Certified Clinical Psychologist, duly signed and notarized under oath
- Original and photocopy of valid NBI Clearance
- Original copy of Clearance from Ombudsman (if gov’t employee)
- 2 colored passport-size pictures with white background and complete nametag
- Photocopy of Community Tax certificate
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: PSYCHOMETRICIAN:

- Original and Photocopy of Certificate of Live Birth in NSO security paper
- Original and Photocopy of NSO Marriage Certificate (for married females only).
- Original and Photocopy of Transcript of Records for Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology (AB/BS) with scanned picture. Special Order Number must be indicated. Where school is exempted from the issuance of an SO, a certificate of authentication and validation (CAV) must be secured.
• Original Certificate of full time work experience as a Psychometrician, either from immediate superior (if employed) or from institutional clients, professional partners/colleagues (if on private practice), specifying the nature of work, duly sworn in and notarized under oath. Official Job Description must be attached.
• Original and photocopy of valid NBI Clearance
• 3 Original Certificates of Good Moral Character, from any of the ff: School / Former Professor, Employer, Church, and/or Brgy Captain duly signed by issuing authority and notarized under oath
• Original Copy of clearance from Ombudsman if gov’t employee
• 2 colored passport size pictures with white background and complete nametag
• Photocopy of Community Tax Certificate
REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOMETRICIANS

• Must take Oath of Psychologists /Psychometricians to uphold the profession before any Board Member or Commission Officer
• Certificate of Registration shall be issued & remain in full force & effect until suspended or revoked
• Professional ID Card is valid for 3 years & renewable upon compliance with continuing education requirements
• Must secure professional tax receipt (PTR) – Jan. 20
• Must disclose Registration Information
REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOMETRICIANS

Board shall not register or issue Certificate of Registration or ID card to any registrant who is -

○ Convicted by final judgment of a criminal offense involving moral turpitude, or

○ Found guilty by the PRBP, judicial or duly constituted tribunal of immoral or dishonorable conduct, or

○ Observed to be psychologically unfit to practice the profession or medically diagnosed to be of unsound mind
REGULATION/PROHIBITIONS

No person or professional shall:

1. Engage in the professional practice of psychology or psychometrics; claim or represent self as licensed psychologist/psychometrician without valid CR or ID card
2. Represent self as licensed during time that CR has been suspended or revoked
3. Give false, inaccurate, misleading info to get CR, ID or SP
3. Allow another person to use one’s CR and ID card for any purpose
4. Use, exhibit, misrepresent as one’s own the CR and ID card of another person
REGULATION/PROHIBITIONS

• no person can be employed as a psychologist or psychometrician unless duly registered and licensed
• no other individual or professional can deliver any of the psychological services defined under rule 3.i unless allowed by any other Professional Regulatory Law or any other related laws.

Provided however that, such psychological services shall be limited only to what such regulatory laws allow.

Provided further, that, those performing the above services, do not represent themselves as a duly licensed psychologists or psychometricians to the main public.
RULE 33 - REGULATION: CLINICS, AGENCIES, CORPORATIONS

Operating a psychology or psychometrics office, center, or clinic, or allowing the practice of psychology within its premises without a permit from the Board. Such permit shall be issued only after the Board is satisfied that such establishment is competently staffed by a psychologist and equipped with sufficient and adequate psychology-related tools, instruments and facilities.