



# ULTRASOUND SOCIETY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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**Dear PCR Fellow:**

Greetings!

Some of the amendments introduced by the Ultrasound Society of the Philippines (USP) in its By-Laws in 2020 were the Transitory Provisions which aim to provide a special way for PCR Fellows who have not undergone the required formal training but have been engaged in the practice of ultrasound, to take the Philippine Board of Ultrasound (PBU) examinations. The pertinent provisions of the Amended USP By-Laws state:

## ***ARTICLE III Transitory Provisions***

***Section 1. Qualifications of Fellow without Prescribed Training. –***  
*A PCR Fellow who has not undergone the required training mentioned in Article II hereof may be admitted as Fellow of USP if he/she complies with the following qualifications:*

- a) Must pass the examination to be conducted by the PBU within two (2) years from effectivity of these amended By-Laws. The PBU, upon approval of the USP's Board of Trustees, shall determine the frequency, date, place and time of the examinations. PBU shall conduct such examinations only within two (2) years from effectivity of this amended By-Laws; and*
- b) Must be a PCR Fellow in good standing who has been in ultrasound practice for at least five (5) years as of the date of effectivity of these amended By-laws. (Underscoring supplied)*

The USP Amended By-Laws took effect on May 19, 2020, the date of approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Thus, PCR Fellows who have been actively practicing ultrasound for at least five (5) years prior to such date may take the PBU Examinations which is scheduled in **August 2022**. This will be the last chance for PCR Fellows to take the said Examinations under the Transitory Provisions.

However, the USP Board has recognized the need to adopt some leniency in the interpretation of the five-year ultrasound practice to accommodate PCR Fellows who have expressed their desire to take the PBU Examinations but fall short of a few months of the prescribed five-year period for justifiable reasons and on account of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, a





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six-month or more fraction of a year of the required five-year practice of ultrasound prior to May 19, 2020 shall be considered as a whole year of practice.

In view thereof, we would like to encourage PCR Fellows who meet the qualifications under the Transitory Provisions to take the next PBU Examinations in August 2022 and become Fellows of the USP.

Should you have inquiries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the USP Secretariat through mobile numbers 0977 7459991 or 0932 7680927, or via [usp.org2014@yahoo.com.ph](mailto:usp.org2014@yahoo.com.ph) or [philsonologist2014@gmail.com](mailto:philsonologist2014@gmail.com) and we shall gladly assist you. More information on this matter shall also be posted in the USP's official website: <https://ultrasoundsocietyofthephilippines.org.ph/>, PCR's <https://philippinecollegeofradiology.org.ph/> and USP's Facebook Account and PCR's Philippine College Of Radiology (PCR): The Filipino Radiologist.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into the Society.

Sincerely yours,

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USP President 2020-2021

