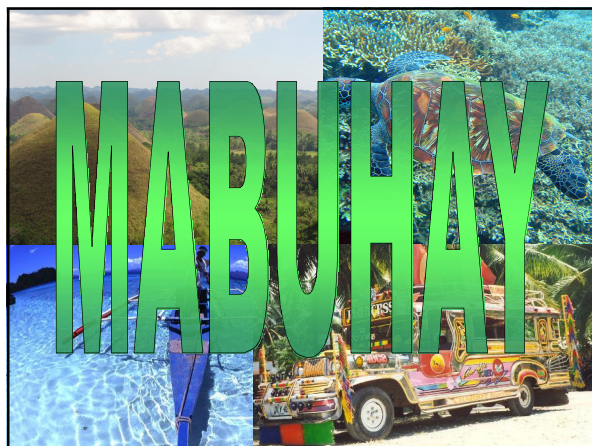
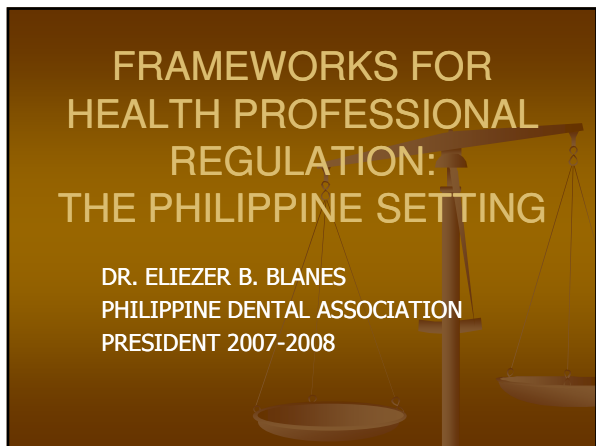


# FRAMEWORKS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL REGULATION: THE PHILIPPINE SETTING

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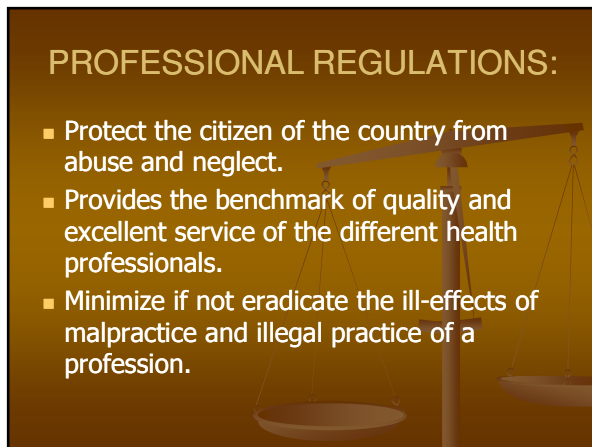


## THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



### PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS:

- Protect the citizen of the country from abuse and neglect.
- Provides the benchmark of quality and excellent service of the different health professionals.
- Minimize if not eradicate the ill-effects of malpractice and illegal practice of a profession.



### ILLEGAL PRACTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES


- Fake professional license
- Under board dental graduates
- Dental technicians and hygienists
- Professional misrepresentation



### Legislative and Policy Framework

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Philippine Constitution  
(section 14, Article 12 of the 1987 Constitution)



“The practice of all profession in the Philippines shall be limited to the Filipino citizens, save in cases prescribed by law.”

Section 14 Article 12 Philippine Constitution



### REGULATORY LAW OF DENTISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES

- HISTORY
  - January 10, 1903
  - Philippine commission by authority of the US government passed 'ACT NO. 593'; "act regulating the practice of dentistry in the Philippine Islands"

### REGULATORY LAW OF DENTISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES

- HISTORY
  - June 18, 1949
  - Under the new Philippine Republic
  - 'Republic Act 417'; "an act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the Philippines and for other purposes"

### REGULATORY LAW OF DENTISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES

- HISTORY
  - June 19, 1965
  - Philippine Congress
  - 'Republic Act 4419' or 'The Philippine Dental Act of 1965'

## REGULATORY LAW OF DENTISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES

### ■ HISTORY

- February 19, 2007
- Philippine Senate and Congress
- 'Republic Act no 9484' or 'The Philippine Dental Act of 2007'

## DENTAL ACT OF 2007 (Republic Act 9484)

- "An act that provides for the regulation, control and supervision of the practice of dentistry, dental hygienist and dental technologist"

## SALIENT POINTS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9484

- Broader Powers and Function of the Professional Regulatory Board of Dentistry
  - Creation of Specialty Boards in Dentistry
  - Supervision and Regulation of the practice of dental technologists and dental hygienists
  - Prescribe Code of Ethics and Code of Dental Practice
  - Full implementation of Continuing Professional Education

## SALIENT POINTS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9484

- Integration Provision of Dentist, Dental technologists, Dental hygienists
  - All dentist, dental technologist and hygienist are integrated into ONE national organization

## SALIENT POINTS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9484

- Penal Provision and Enforcement of the Law
  - Stiffer penalty for illegal practice of dentistry
  - New penalties are:
    - Fine of \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 USD
    - Imprisonment of 2 to 5 years

## SALIENT POINTS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9484

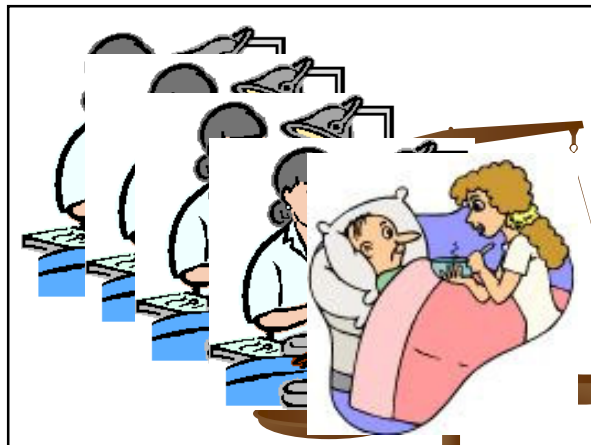
- Promulgation and strict implementation of the Code of Ethics and Code of Dental Practice of Dentist, Dental Hygienist and Dental Technologist.

### STANDARD CRITERIA FOR DENTAL PROFESSIONAL REGULATION (as provided in the new dental law)

1. Qualification of examinees
2. Qualification for registration
3. Requirements for continued practice of the profession
4. The Code of Ethics and Code of Dental Practice

### CURRENT SCENARIO OF DENTAL PRACTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES

IT IS NOT THE QUALITY OF SERVICE OF DENTAL PROFESSIONALS THAT IS THE PROBLEM BUT THE EXODUS OF DENTAL PROFESSIONALS TO ANOTHER PROFESSION AND THE DWINDLING POPULATION OF DENTAL STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY



### COMPARISON BETWEEN BOARD APPLICANTS AND PASSERS (DENTIST-NURSE)

DENTIST (JAN 2008)	NURSE (FEB 2008)
BOARD APPLICANTS 900	BOARD APPLICANTS 66,120
BOARD PASSERS 314	BOARD PASSERS 28,924

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION  
STATISTICS 2008

### PLANNED GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

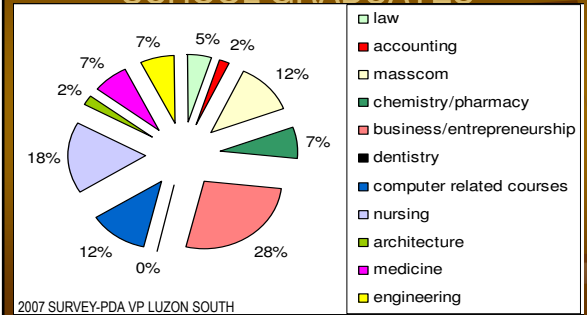
1. Compulsory two years rural area service for nurses
2. A requirement for employment abroad is at least two years clinical experience for nurses (government to employer arrangement)
3. Full curriculum versus abbreviated curriculum

### CURRENT DENTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATUS

MANILA	3,500 STUDENTS (4 OF 9 SCHOOLS HAVE LESS THAN 100 STUDENTS ENROLLED)
NORTH OF MANILA	600 STUDENTS
SOUTH OF MANILA	400 STUDENTS
VISAYAS/MINDANAO	1,200 STUDENTS
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,700 STUDENTS</b>

BASED ON THE 2008 REPORT OF PHIL DENTAL ASSOC CHAIR ON DENTAL EDUCATION

### SURVEY ON THE PROFESSION OF CHOICE FROM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



### PLANNED GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

- The Concept of "Ladderized Dental Education"
  - To make dental education more attractive to younger generation of students
  - To increase job opportunities for students going for a dental degree

### "Ladderized Dental Education"

- 4th year dental proper – dental degree
- 1st year dental proper – dental hygienist
- 2nd year college – dental technologist
- 1st year college – dental assistant

### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AGENCIES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

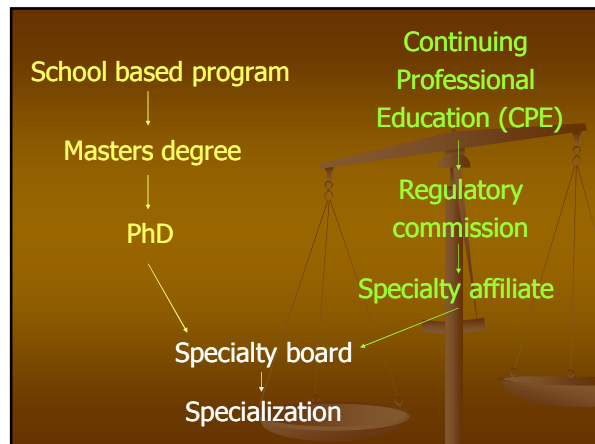
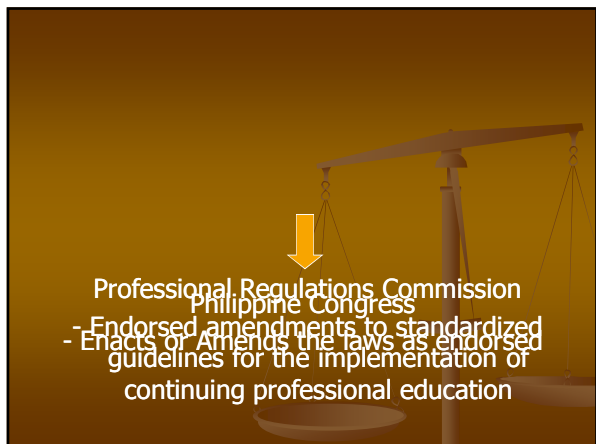
- Accredited professional organization
- Professional Regulations Commission and Commission on Higher Education
- Philippine Congress

Accredited professional organization  
**PHILIPPINE DENTAL ASSOCIATION**

- Recommends mandatory continuing dental education



Professional Regulations Commission  
- Endorsed amendments to standardized guidelines for the implementation of continuing professional education



- “BORDERLESS PRACTICE”
- Philippines a member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
  - Recognizes the “ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services” (AFAS)
  - Is not currently implemented because of the differences in **regulatory laws, religion, and cultural practices** of each member country

