

**DIPLOMATE CERTIFYING EXAMINATIONS 2024**  
**Philippine Specialty Board in Pulmonary Medicine**

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**Exam Bulletin No. 1**

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**I. DATES:**

January 28, 2024 (**hybrid** written examination)

February 4, 2024 (**hybrid** oral examination)

**II. TIME:**

January 28, 2024; 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM

February 4, 2024 (**on-line** oral examination) 7:00 am- 12:00 noon

**III. Examination topics:**

Topics	#	%
▪ Asthma	30	
▪ Sleep Disorders / Control of Ventilation Disorders	10	20%
▪ Pulmonary Vascular Diseases	10	
▪ COPD and Bronchiectasis	30	
▪ Diseases of the Pleura	10	20%
▪ Diseases of the Mediastinum	10	
▪ Neoplastic Lung Diseases	22	
▪ Tuberculosis	23	20%
▪ Genetic and Developmental Disorders	5	
▪ Pulmonary Infection (except TB) and Sepsis	29	
▪ Interstitial, Environmental, Occupational, Drug-induced and Radiation-related lung disease	13	20%
▪ Pulmonary Manifestation of Systemic Diseases	8	
▪ Acute Lung Injury, ARDS and Trauma	20	
▪ Respiratory Failure	15	20%
▪ Principles and Application of Mechanical Ventilation / Ethics	15	
	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>

**IV. List of References:**

A total of not less than 250 regular questions shall be given from the various sources as given below with at least 70% coming from the core reference textbook.

**TEXTBOOK:**

Murray and Nadel's Textbook of Respiratory Medicine (7<sup>th</sup> edition) – 2022

**GUIDELINES:****LOCAL**

1. Philippine Clinical Practice Guidelines Management and Prevention of Adult Community Acquired Pneumonia 2020 PSMID Update
2. Philippine Consensus Report on Asthma Diagnosis and Management 2019
3. Clinical Practice Guidelines for Sepsis and Septic Shock in Adults in the Philippines 2020
4. Philippine COVID-19 Living Recommendations. Updated May 28, 2021
5. National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) of the Department of Health Manual of procedure (MOP) 6<sup>th</sup> edition 2020.
6. Philippine Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Diagnosis and Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Adults 2016
7. Proceedings from Ethical Moments in Respiratory Care: Withholding and Withdrawal of Ventilatory Support – March 8, 2002
8. Guidelines for Sleep Study During COVID-19 Pandemic , Released 28 May 2020

**INTERNATIONAL**

1. Global Strategy for Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of COPD (GOLD) 2023 Report
2. Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) Guidelines 2023
3. Diagnosis and Treatment of Adults with Community-acquired Pneumonia – ATS/IDSA Guideline 2019
4. Management of Adults with Hospital-acquired and Ventilator-associated Pneumonia: Clinical Practice Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American Thoracic Society 2016
5. Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines 2021
6. Surviving Sepsis Campaign: Guidelines on the Management of Critically Ill Adults with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
7. Clinical guidelines for venous thromboembolism (VTE) management CHEST 2021
8. European Respiratory Society guidelines for the management of adult bronchiectasis. 2017.

*The above-mentioned references are for guidance of taking the Diplomate Certifying Examinations only.*

**V. Examination fee:** ten thousand pesos (10,000 Php) per examinee



## VI. Eligibility and Submission of Requirements:

To be eligible, a candidate must submit the following not later than THREE (3) months prior to the scheduled date of examination.

Application Form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NYYDHcRV63ZuOPOtEjou9rmGPTZqHw5r/view?usp=sharing>

### A. NEW APPLICANT (*Graduated Year 2023*):

1. Must be a member of the Philippine Medical Association.
2. Certificate attesting to being a diplomate of good standing of the Philippine College of Physicians.
3. Certificate of completion of fellowship (*Diploma*) in a PCCP accredited pulmonary fellowship training program.
4. Submit copy of completed research paper as required in the Standards and Requirements for Accreditation of Adult Pulmonary Medicine Fellowship Training Programs in the Philippines (April 2022).
5. Checklist summary of requirements for each Fellow-in-Training certified by the Training Officer.

### B. RE-TAKERS:

1. Certificate attesting to being a diplomate of good standing of the Philippine College of Physicians.
2. Must be updated with PCCP membership dues.

### C. APPLICANT UNDER THE LENIENCY PROGRAM:

1. Must be a member of the Philippine Medical Association.
2. Certificate attesting to being a diplomate of good standing of the Philippine College of Physicians.
3. In lieu of the completed research paper as a requirement, the PSBPM shall accept research related equivalents that the graduate have participated in and certified by the institution. These may include conducting clinical trials sponsored by local or national institutions, by international agencies as well as by the pharmaceutical industry; being an active member of Research Committees; being a member of Research Ethics Board; teaching research in the academe or medical institutions; conducting research workshops; and participating in the creation of clinical practice guidelines.
4. Certification from the Training Institution that the applicant has completed the requirements and eligible to take the diplomate exam. This document must be submitted to the PCCP through the PSBPM together with the diplomate exam application of the Associate Member.



## Submission of requirements

Email documents to:	<a href="mailto:philchestorg@gmail.com">philchestorg@gmail.com</a>
Subject:	Diplomate Exam Application_ Family Name
Payment of examination fee:	<p>Via bank deposit / InstaPay / PesoNet –</p> <p>Bank: UnionBank  Account Number: 00-257-001091-7  Account Name: Philippine College of Chest Physicians</p> <p>(Note: Please provide the PCCP copy of deposit / transaction slip to <a href="mailto:juniorao@philchest.com">juniorao@philchest.com</a>)</p>

Deadline for submission of application will be on **October 28, 2023** (Saturday).

*\*All documents submitted are subject to the Specialty Board's verification.*

**VII. Schedule of orientation, trial sessions, mock examination:** to be announced

### VIII. Requirements for hybrid examinations:

- a. laptop for examination use
  - For Windows - the operating system (OS) must be 10.0 and above
  - For MAC - the OS must be 10.11 to 10.15
  - If your operating system does not meet the current requirements, please update or borrow a device
  - Google Chrome browser
  - Safe Exam Browser 3.0 for Windows and Safe Exam Browser 2.2.1 for mac OS
- b. 1 cellphone with 4G connectivity and hotspot capability [to be used as backup in case of failure of PCCP ISP]
- c. Power banks
- d. Basic calculator
- e. Pen, pencil, scratch paper will be provided by PCCP
- f. PRC ID



## Application as PCCP Diplomate

Deadline: February 10, 2024

(NOTE: Having passed both written and oral part of the Boards, the candidate is then eligible to apply as member of the College. )

Requirements (all photocopy):

- a. Membership application form duly accomplished and endorsed by three (3) active PCCP Fellows of good standing.
- b. One (1) passport size photo
- c. Medical school diploma
- d. Professional Regulation Commission licensure certificate and PRC ID card
- e. Philippine Medical Association ID card (with PMA number indicated)
- f. Post Graduate Internship Certificate
- g. Certificate of Residency in Internal Medicine in a duly accredited hospital
- h. Certificate attesting to being a Diplomate of the Philippine College of Physicians

### Submission of requirements

Email documents to:	<a href="mailto:philchestorg@gmail.com">philchestorg@gmail.com</a>
Subject:	PCCP Membership Application_ Family Name
Payment of membership fee amounting to P 1,500:	Via bank deposit / InstaPay / PesoNet –  Bank: UnionBank Account Number: 00-257-001091-7 Account Name: Philippine College of Chest Physicians  (Note: Please provide the PCCP copy of deposit / transaction slip to <a href="mailto:juniorao@philchest.com">juniorao@philchest.com</a> )

Please expect an official communication from the Membership Committee on your acceptance and instructions for Induction as New Member of the PCCP.

Thank you.

**For inquiries, please contact the PCCP office thru:**

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