

DIPLOMATE CERTIFYING EXAMINATIONS 2027
Philippine Specialty Board in Pulmonary Medicine

Exam Bulletin No. 1

Updated June 29, 2026



I. DATES:

January 31, 2027: written examination

February 7, 2027: oral examination

NOTE: Conduct of exam is hybrid (face-to-face with online moodle exam)

II. TIME & VENUE:

January 31, 2027; 7:00 AM - 1:30PM

February 7, 2027; 7:00AM - 12:00PM

Venue: SEDA Hotel, Vertis North Estates, Quezon City (written)

UNILAB Bayanihan Hall, Mandaluyong City (orals)

III. EXAMINATION TOPICS

The Written Certifying Examination consists of **250 multiple-choice questions (MCQs)**.

Examination Topics	Pulmonary MCQs	Critical Care MCQs*	Total MCQs	%
Asthma (including severe asthma/ICU management) Control of Ventilation/Sleep-related Breathing Disorders (including critical care) Pulmonary Vascular Diseases and Gas Embolism (including critical care presentations)	44	6	50	20%
COPD and Bronchiectasis (including exacerbations/ICU care, smoking, air pollution) Pleural Diseases (including critical care complications) Mediastinal Diseases	44	6	50	20%
Neoplastic Lung Diseases Hemoptysis and Interventional Pulmonology (including critical care scenarios) Tuberculosis Genetic and Developmental Disorders Ethics	43	7	50	20%
Pulmonary infections (except TB) (including severe infections, sepsis and ICU management) Interstitial Lung Diseases (including critical care overlap) Environmental, Occupational, Drug- and Radiation-related Lung Diseases Pulmonary Manifestions of Systemic Diseases	44	6	50	20%

Respiratory Failure (ALI/ARDS) Trauma; MOF and MODS Mechanical ventilation (initiation, management, weaning/liberatuon) Adjuncts to Ventilation Aspiration, Drowning Nutrition; Analgesia/Sedation in the ICU	-	50	50	20%
TOTAL	175 (70%)	75 (30%)	250	100%

* **Critical Care MCQs are distributed throughout the examination.** Of the 75 Critical Care MCQs (30% of the examination), **25 are integrated within the major pulmonary topic areas** and **50 are devoted to core Critical Care Medicine topics.** Candidates should therefore expect critical care principles to be assessed within pulmonary disease-specific questions as well as in the dedicated Critical Care Medicine section.

IV: LIST OF REFERENCES

TEXTBOOKS

1. Murray and Nadel's Textbook of Respiratory Medicine 7th Ed
2. Irwin & Rippe's Intensive Care Medicine 9th Ed (Selected Chapters in accordance with the Revised OBE on Critical Care)

GUIDELINES

Local

1. Philippine Consensus Report on the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma 2019
2. Clinical Practice Guidelines: Management and Prevention of Adult Community-Acquired Pneumonia - 2020 PSMID Update
3. Clinical Practice Guidelines for Sepsis and Septic Shock in Adults in the Philippines 2020
4. Philippine COVID-19 Living Recommendations - May 28, 2021 Update
5. Philippine Unified COVID-19 Algorithms Version 4 - 2022
6. Philippine Clinical Practice Guidelines on Diagnosis and Treatment of Adult Tuberculosis - 2021 Update
7. National Tuberculosis Control Program Manual of Procedures 6th Ed 2020
8. Philippine Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Diagnosis and Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Adults -2016

International

1. Global Strategy for the Prevention, Diagnosis, and Management of COPD (GOLD) 2026 Report
2. Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) Guidelines 2026
3. Standardization of Spirometry 2019 Update: An Official ATS & ERS Technical Statement
4. ATS/ERS Technical Standard on Interpretive Strategies for Routine Lung Function Test 2021/2022
5. ATS/IDSA Guideline on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Adults with Community-Acquired Pneumonia - 2019/2025 Update
6. ATS/IDA Clinical Practice Guideline on Management of Adults with Hospital-Acquired and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia 2016
7. Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines 2025 Update

8. Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guideline on the Management of Critically-ill Adults with COVID-19
9. ERS Clinical Practice Guideline for the Management of Adult Bronchiectasis 2025
10. 2026 AHA/ACC/ACCP/ACEP/CHEST/SCAI/SHM/SIR/SVM Guideline for the Evaluation and Management of Acute Pulmonary Embolism in Adults: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines
11. CHEST Guideline and Expert Panel Report on Anti-thrombotic therapy for VTE Disease - 2021 Update
12. ASSM Inpatient OSA Guideline 2025
13. Lung Cancer: IASLC Staging Manual in Thoracic Oncology 3rd Ed
14. BTS/ICS Guideline for the Ventilatory Management of Acute Hypercapnic Respiratory Failure in Adults 2016
15. Official ERS/ATS Clinical Practice Guidelines: Noninvasive Ventilation for Acute Respiratory Failure 2017
16. Liberation from Mechanical Ventilation in Critically Ill Adults. An Official ATS/ACCP Clinical Practice Guideline 2017

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

V. EXAMINATION FEE

The examination fee is Ten Thousand Pesos (PHP 10,000.00) per examinee.

VI. ELIGIBILITY & SUBMISSION OF REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the examination, applicants must submit all required documents no later than three (3) months before the scheduled examination date.

A. New Applicants

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Proof of current membership in the Philippine Medical Association (PMA).
2. Certificate attesting to being a Diplomate of good standing from the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP).
3. Certificate of Completion or Diploma from a PCCP-accredited Pulmonary Fellowship Training Program.
4. One (1) copy of the completed research manuscript prepared in the prescribed in PJCD format.
5. A completed fellowship training requirements checklist, certified by the Training Officer.
6. Download Application Form: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xqxWZvD-43xAwby_i--1GbdkqR38l7d5/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106732743995570126887&rtpof=true&sd=true

B. Re-takers

Applicants who are re-taking the examination must submit the following

1. Certificate attesting to being a Diplomate of good standing from Philippine College of Physicians (PCP).
2. Proof that PCCP membership dues are fully updated.