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OFFICE OF THE 2022 BAR CHAIR

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**EXAMINATION VENUES AND THE OPENING OF THE VENUE
SELECTION MODULE**

In view of the Supreme Court's continuous efforts for a regionalized and digitalized platform for the conduct of the Bar Examinations, the 2022 Bar Examinations will be held in several local testing centers (LTCs) in different regions of the country.

After considerable assessment and evaluation, the Office of the 2022 Bar Examinations Chair has determined that there shall be a total of fourteen (14) LTCs, located in the following areas:

National Capital Region

1. Northern Manila
2. Southern Manila
3. Pasay City
4. Quezon City
5. Taguig City

Luzon

1. Baguio City, Benguet
2. Lipa City, Batangas
3. Naga City, Camarines Sur

Visayas

1. Northern Cebu City
2. Southern Cebu City
3. Tacloban City, Leyte

Mindanao

1. Cagayan de Oro City
2. Davao City
3. Zamboanga City

We reiterate that the matters of selection and assignment of a bar candidate's exam venue site are processed on a first come, first served basis, *i.e.*, applicants who submitted their applications and paid the Bar fees earlier are assigned to the earlier batches. Each batch of unconditionally and conditionally approved bar candidates will receive two notifications in their Bar Personal Login Unified System (Bar PLUS)-registered email address: (1) an email notification informing them that their

applications to take the 2022 Bar Examinations have been approved; and (2) an email notification informing them that the venue selection module is available in their Bar PLUS accounts. We urge all the bar candidates to closely monitor their Bar PLUS-registered email addresses for the aforementioned notifications.

For purposes of venue selection, bar candidates shall be divided into three (3) batches. The first, second, and third batches of bar candidates will receive the first email notification that their applications to take the 2022 Bar Examinations have been approved on the following dates:

Batch 1	September 13, 2022
Batch 2	September 15, 2022
Batch 3	September 17, 2022

Each batch may then select their preferred examinations venue based on the schedule below:

Batch 1	September 14 – 15, 2022
Batch 2	September 16 – 17, 2022
Batch 3	September 18 – 19, 2022

Thus, on **September 14, 2022**, the first batch of unconditionally and conditionally approved bar candidates will receive the second email notification, and they may select their preferred exam venue **based on the areas** mentioned above through the Bar PLUS. The second and third batches will receive the second email notification regarding the availability of the venue selection module in their Bar PLUS accounts, and they may select their preferred exam venue on **September 16 and 18, 2022**, respectively.

All bar candidates must complete the venue selection process **within fifteen (15) minutes from clicking the “Choose your Exam Venue” button** in the Bar PLUS dashboard and must also answer questions on their COVID-19 vaccination status. **Once a bar candidate submits his or her venue choice, the submission shall be final and irrevocable.** A video tutorial and user guide on venue selection will be uploaded in the Supreme Court microsite today.

A confirmatory email of the selected exam venue will be sent to the bar candidate’s Bar PLUS-registered e-mail address. The selected exam venue will also be reflected under *News and Announcements* in the Bar PLUS dashboard.

The venue selection module will close on **September 19, 2022**. Failure to select a venue will constitute a **waiver** on the part of the bar candidate, who will then be assigned to an exam venue based on the remaining slots in any exam venue in the province or region nearest his or her present address.

Requests for change of venue shall only be accommodated based on: (1) meritorious reasons; **and** (2) availability of slots in the chosen venue. Requests without valid basis shall not be entertained. Bar candidates may submit their requests **from September 20 to 21, 2022** through <https://bit.ly/2022BarExamVenueAppeal>. All requests made beyond the said period shall not be accommodated.

The Office of the 2022 Bar Examinations Chair will release a separate bar bulletin announcing the list of institutions that have been approved to be LTCs for

the 2022 Bar Examinations. Bar candidates may also monitor their Bar PLUS dashboard to view their final LTC.

Bar candidates who did not receive any of the two email notifications based on the schedules above, and all queries regarding venue selection, should be directed to the Office of the Bar Confidant hotline numbers (02) 8552-9690 or (02) 8552-9642, or through the Online Help Desk form *via* <https://bit.ly/2022BarExamHelpDesk> .

For your information and guidance.

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