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Subject: Change of Schedule for the 2026 In-Training Examination (ITE) and Qualifying Examination (QE)

Dear Training Officers, Department Chairpersons, Program Directors, and Orthopaedic Residents,

Greetings from the Philippine Board of Orthopaedics, Inc. (PBO)!

We wish to inform you that the **2026 In-Training Examination (ITE) and Qualifying Examination (QE)** have been rescheduled.

The ITE and QE were originally scheduled and was finalized during the first few weeks of the year as part of the PBO's annual calendar of activities. However, the University of Santo Tomas Entrance Test (USTET) has subsequently been scheduled on the same date, October 18, 2026. The USTET schedule is typically finalized only after the conclusion of the academic year.

A similar situation occurred last year when the ITE and QE coincided with the USTET. During that time, several examinees expressed concerns regarding the heavy volume of people on campus, as thousands of USTET applicants and their companions were present, resulting in significant traffic congestion, limited parking, and delays in entering and moving around the examination venue. The examinees requested that such a scheduling conflict be avoided in future examinations.

After careful consideration and in the interest of providing a more conducive, orderly, and accessible examination environment for all examinees, the Philippine Board of Orthopaedics has decided to reschedule the 2026 ITE and QE.

The new examination schedule is as follows:

2026 In-Training (ITE) & Qualifying Examination (QE)

Date: October 11, 2026 (Sunday)

All other examination guidelines, requirements, and venue details shall remain unchanged unless otherwise announced.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause and appreciate your understanding and cooperation. We believe that this adjustment will provide a more efficient and comfortable examination experience for all examinees.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the PBO Secretariat.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully,

PHILIPPINE BOARD OF ORTHOPAEDICS, INC

