



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

**MEMORANDUM FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

**FOR : PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

**SUBJECT : PHILIPPINE HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD- REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION OF ALL ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEES IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**DATE : 30 MARCH 2015**

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", this Office hereby endorses the subject undertaking for the support and participation of all concerned.

The Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB) has set requirements for registration and accreditation of all Research Ethics Review Committees (RERCs) in the country to help ensure protection for human participants in research.

One of the general policies stated in the 2014 PHREB Requirements for Registration and Accreditation of Institutional Research Ethics Review Committees (RERCs) is that all RERCs that currently conduct ethics review of research proposals involving human participants must register and undergo accreditation by PHREB by December 30, 2015. PHREB intends to promote to all Higher Education Institutions, the need for registration and accreditation of its RERCs.

The acceptance of applications for Level 1 and Level 2 accreditation is ongoing. Interested Institutional RERCs should send their applications and required documents as early as possible in order for the PHREB Sub-Committee on Standards and Accreditation to evaluate the submitted documents before December 30, 2015.

For more information on this program, please visit the PHREB website at <http://ethics.healthresearch.ph>. For inquiries, please contact the PHREB Secretariat at 837-7537/837-2931 (look for Ms. Gigi Berroya) or by email at [ethics.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:ethics.secretariat@gmail.com).

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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