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**SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON THE CREDITING OF COURSES AND UNITS
UNDER LEBMO No. 24, ALSO KNOWN AS THE REVISED MODEL
LAW CURRICULUM**

Pursuant to the mandatory implementation of the Revised Model Law Curriculum (RMLC) starting this Academic Year 2022-2023, the Legal Education Board (LEB) has been receiving a number of queries from Legal Education Institutions (LEI's) and their students, pertaining to the crediting of courses as well as the equivalency of units for those students who are transitioning from the previous curriculum to the RMLC.

To clarify the issue, the following guidelines shall apply:

Section 1. Academic Freedom. If the number of academic units for a particular course under the LEI's previous curriculum is **HIGHER** than that assigned to the said course in the RMLC, nothing will prevent the LEI from crediting the course taken and passed by a student under its previous curriculum, albeit presently diminished in unit assignment.

On the other hand, if the number of academic units for a particular course under the LEI's previous curriculum is **LOWER** than that assigned to the said course in the RMLC, the LEI may still credit the course taken and passed by a student under the previous curriculum, if it has the same or substantially the same description under the RMLC.

Suffice it to say, that in either case, the crediting of academic units for those students who are transitioning from the previous curriculum to the RMLC, is within the sound and rational discretion of the LEI and the fair and reasonable exercise thereof.

Section 2. Availability of Courses. For a transferee who began his or her law studies under another LEI's curriculum but is continuing it in a new LEI implementing the RMLC, it shall be the prerogative of the latter LEI to determine which curriculum is applicable to the transferee, and which courses, previously taken and passed in the former LEI, should be credited in accordance with Section 1 of this issuance.

For a returning student who began his or her law studies under the LEI's previous curriculum prior to the implementation of the RMLC, it shall be the prerogative of the LEI to determine which curriculum is applicable to the returnee; and which courses, previously taken and passed, should be credited in accordance with Section 1 of this issuance.



Nothing shall prevent the LEI from allowing the transferee or returning student to take courses under the previous curriculum subject to their availability.

Section 3. Electives. Mandatory courses taken under the LEI's previous curriculum, which have been removed under the RMLC, may be (a) considered presently as an elective or (b) retained as an institutional requirement by the LEI under the new curriculum.

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