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MEMBERS UPDATE 009/11/2017-2019

Dear Valued Members

Department Order No 185, Series of 2017, 9th November 2017 Overseas Employment Certification - OEC

The POEA has sent a Department Order to Recruitment Agencies in the Philippines with regards to the temporary suspension of the processing of OEC from the 13th November 2017 – 1st December 2017. Please see attached circular that is self-explanatory.

AEA(S) has contacted the relevant authorities and submitted an appeal on behalf of Employment Agencies and Employers in Singapore as follows:

1. To kindly process the completed applications which is pending only OEC. As affected Employment Agencies have advised employers of deployment date, Booked Air Ticket and facilitated arrangements for the candidates' arrival in Singapore.
2. To kindly expedite on their intended investigations and actions so that there will be no further extension of the Order and delay OEC processing as it affects blameless Employers, FDWs and Employment Agencies unduly.
3. To possibly shorten the suspension period

We will follow up with the relevant authorities and keep members updated of the same. Please also note that:

1. That the current suspension is temporary and is internal to POEA and only refers to OEC
2. All receiving countries have been affected and only affects New Applications
3. The Home Leave OEC Application at POLO in Singapore is not affected
4. All other processing at POLO such as Verification of Contract is not affected

We hope that this circular will be useful for EAs to advise concerned Employers / Clients and clarify matters and keep matters under control.

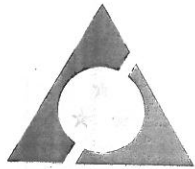
Members are advised to communicate with their partners in the Philippines and keep clients updated regularly. We look forward to a favorable outcome.

Thank you.

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President, MC 2017-2019

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 185
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In view of the persistent reports of illegal recruitment activities including direct hires, and in order to protect the public from the pernicious activities of certain unscrupulous individuals preying on Filipinos desiring to work overseas, the acceptance and processing of all new applications for Overseas Employment Certificates for all Overseas Filipino Workers, including direct hire workers, are hereby suspended.

Excluded from the coverage of this suspension are those workers who are being hired by international organizations and members of the diplomatic corps, which includes members of royal families, and sea-based recruitment agencies.

Meanwhile, an investigating team will conduct an investigation to get to the root of this malfeasance and will submit their official findings and recommendations.

This Order shall be implemented by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration for compliance by all land-based private recruitment agencies.

This Order shall be effective for 15 working days from 13 November to 01 December 01, 2017 subject to extension as circumstances may require.


SILVESTRE H. BELLO III
Secretary

November 9, 2017