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## NEW POLICY IN THE ISSUANCE OF WORK PERMIT TO FOREIGN HOUSEHOLD SERVICE WORKERS IN SINGAPORE

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Singapore reported on the pronouncement made by the city states' Ministry of Manpower (MOM) that the duration of work permit of foreign household service workers will no longer be limited by expiry dates of their passports.

According to MOM, a foreign household service worker will be given the full work permit duration of two (2) years for as long as her passport is valid at the date of issuance or renewal, even if the remaining validity of her passport is shorter than two (2) years. Nevertheless, foreign household service workers must be reminded to have their passports renewed or extended if these will be expiring within six (6) months.

This recent move by the government of Singapore will allow foreign household service workers in the country to fulfill their employment contracts with minimal disruption. The said pronouncement however, **does not apply to non-domestic foreign workers.**

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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