

Announcement of 4th Special EPS-TOPIK in 2016

According to the MOU on the Sending of Workers between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea (MOEL) and Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE), **4th Special EPS-TOPIK in 2016** will be conducted for those who **voluntarily returned home** before within their permitted sojourn period and want to come back for work in Korea.

All job seekers who want to work in Korea under the Employment Permit System should pass 4th Special EPS-TOPIK in 2016, implemented by the Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea) authorized by the MOEL, and only those who passed the test are allowed to submit the job application form for EPS.

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Held by: Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea (MOEL)
Implemented by: Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea)
In cooperation with: Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE)
and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA)

The 4th Special EPS-TOPIK CBT will be conducted as follows:

1. Test Schedule

Registration Period	Announcement of test date	Test Period	Announcement of test result	Age Requirements
October 18	November 11	November 14 ~	December 12	October 19, 1978~ October 18, 1998

* The schedule can be changed according to EPS circumstances and number of applicants.

- **1st session (35persons)**
- **Orientation : 09:20~10:00, - Test time: 10:00~11:10**
- **2nd session (35persons)**
- **Orientation : 12:20~13:00, - Test time: 13:00~14:10**
- **3rd session (35persons)**
- **Orientation : 14:20~15:00, - Test time: 15:00~16:10**

* All examinees must be in the test room before the orientation time.

2. Allowed Type of Industry: Manufacturing, etc.

* If an applicant wants to be applied for a designated recommendation to his/her last workplace (employer) where he/she had worked more than a year should select the same industry of the workplace. For this reason, applicants should select the industry carefully considering the mentioned condition.

3. The number of passers: To be announced

○The number of passers will be announced later separately in the order of the high scores among the applicants who scored more than 80 points out of 200, regardless of industry.

Expected number of passers can be changed according to the circumstances of EPS.

4. Test Place and Date Announcement

○ Test Place: CBT (Computer Based Test) Test Venue

*Address: 6th Floor POEA, BFO Building, Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City

○ Announcement of the Test date: **November 11, 2016**

○ Announcement Method

- Website of EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)

-Website of POEA (www.poea.gov.ph)

- Website of EPS Center in the Philippines (www.hrdkoreaph.com)

5. Qualifications (Eligibility)

○ Reemployed workers who voluntarily leave within their permitted sojourn period (Time of returning: Not before January 1st, 2010),

※The qualified list to be able to take the test will be attached with announcement. Please refer to the attachment.

○Persons aged **between 18 to 38**

***Persons born between October 19, 1978 to October 18, 1998**

○Persons who have not been convicted of imprisonment or heavier punishment

○Persons who have no record of deportation or departure orders from the Republic of Korea

○Persons who are not restricted from departure of home country

6. Registration Procedure

○ **Period: October 18, 2016 Tuesday (One day registration only)**

○ **Site: <http://www.poea.gov.ph/>**

○ **Method: ONLINE REGISTRATION**

○ **Required documents:**

- EPS-TOPIK Registration Application form (**Duly filled out application form ONLINE**)

- A scanned file copy of valid passport

※ No valid passport, No registration: Only applicants with valid passport will be allowed to register for the test to avoid discrepancy in their personal information later on.

※ If an applicant's personal information on the passport is not exactly the same as the one on the application form, his entry to Korea will not be permitted in any case, and the applicant is fully responsible for any problem caused by such differences in the personal information.

※ **Test Permit (Print the Test Permit after payment online.)**

※ HRD Korea will use the personal information (name, date of birth, and gender) written on the application form and the applicant's photo attached on the application form for future employment in Korea of the workers, and these are not changeable in any case.

- A file of photo of 3.5 cm x 4.5 cm (Photo should be taken within 3 months; this photo will be used until entry to Korea and cannot be replaced. Please use clear colored copy of photo with the correct size.)

○ **Test fee: Php 1,160**

※ If an applicant who has avoidable reasons cancels his/her registration during registration period, the applicant can get full refund. (However, re-application after cancellation is not allowed)

○ Registration will be made in the order of receipt, and if the applicants overly applied, an additional test date will be decided and the test will be conducted accordingly. Its date also will be announced on the announcement date of the designated test venue and date for each applicant.

7. Test Summary: November 14, 2016 ~

Question Structure	Number of questions	Total score	Time given
R/C	25	100	40 mins.
L/C	25	100	30 mins.
TOTAL	50	200	70 mins.

- All of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK". (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
- Test Structure and Allotment of Scores and passing standard.
 - Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).
 - R/C and L/C will be implemented continuously without a break.
- Items to prepare on the test day.
 - Test Permit (**which is issued during ONLINE registration upon confirmation of payment**)
 - Passport
- ※ All applicants are required to bring his/her passport of which is the same with the one posted on his/her application form.
- ※ No applicant is allowed to take the test without passport.

8. Announcement of Test Result

- Announcement Date: **December 12, 2016**
- Announcement Method
 - Website of the POEA (<http://www.poea.gov.ph>)
 - Website of the Employment Permit System (<http://www.eps.go.kr>)
 - Website of the EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
 - Website of EPS Center in the Philippines (www.hrdkoreaph.com)
- **Validity period of test result is 2 years (effective on the date of result)**

9. Other Information

- If an applicant is confirmed as a non-voluntary returnee, his/her test result will be considered invalid even if he/she passes the test and the applicant should take full responsibility on that.
- Those who pass the test will benefit from a shortened re-entry procedures including faster job registration and placement, and exemption from pre-departure training.
- On the test day, mobile phones, cassette players, PDA, MP3 player, electronic dictionaries, and other electronic devices which can possibly be used in cheating during the test are highly prohibited.
- Test will be void, and examinees **will NOT be eligible for taking the test for 2 years** in case of cheating during the test.
- If an applicant's personal information on the passport is not exactly the same as the one on the application form (name, date of birth, and gender), the registration to the EPS job seekers' roster and entry to Korea is not permitted in any case, and the applicant is fully responsible for any problem caused by the differences in their personal information.
- For improvement of Proficiency in Korean, all of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on "The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK". "The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK" has been uploaded on the webpage as follows and applicants can download it for free.

<The list of webpage you can download the Standard Textbook>

Section	Contents	Address of webpage
Homepage of HRD Korea	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	http://www.hrdkorea.or.kr/3/3/3/1/2
Homepage of EPS-TOPIK	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr

◆ **Passing the Special EPS-TOPIK only guarantees the qualification for job application for EPS, and does not guarantee the employment in Korea.**

◆ Moreover, persons who are restricted from the employment in Korea, such as those who do not pass the medical examination or who have the record of illegal stay in Korea, cannot be employed in Korea.

◆ According to MOU between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea and Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE), only the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has the legal authority to send Filipino workers to the Republic of Korea. Only the job seekers who passed the EPS-TOPIK and registered on the roster by POEA can be hired by Korean Employers. Involvement of any other private sector in the procedure for sending workforce is strictly prohibited.

◆ It costs 24 USD (or same amount in local currency which is written above) for an applicant to take Special EPS-TOPIK and only the certain amount of money noticed officially as a sending cost by POEA during the registration period of a job application form will cost you for entering Korea under the EPS. Besides, except POEA, any other agency or person is not allowed to be related to employment procedures of EPS. For this reason, all applicants should be aware of this fact and protect themselves from any damages or losses caused by anyone or any other unscrupulous persons making a false proposal related to recommendation or employment in Korea under the EPS.