



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ABU DHABI, UAE

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Abu Dhabi, UAE has reported on the growing opportunity for employment of more skilled workers, particularly in the following sectors:

- Service Sector – finance executives, hr and administrative executives, contract claim and project manager, accountant, procurement and project engineers, electrical and electronic engineers, A/C technician, supervisor, secretaries, accountant, sales representative, call center attendants, fashion designer, master cutter, tailor, cashier, chef, waiters and waitresses, kitchen and cook assistance, service crew, guard supervisor and security guard, civil foreman, land and quantity surveyor.
- Manufacturing Sector – electric and mechanical technician, tank cleaning operatives, diesel mechanics, counter and Q/C sales, mechanical fitter, pipe fabricators, machinery operator, blast and aluminum furnace men, cad and CNC operator, heavy crane operators and carpenter.
- Medical Sector – doctors, staff nurses, medical and dental laboratory technician, pharmacist, paramedical technician, cardiovascular technologist, respiratory care, ECG and CSSD technician and phlebotomist.
- Infrastructure – architect, autocad draftsmen-structural, foremen-marine works, civil foreman, steel erection, civil resident engineers and inspection.

According to the report, there will be more potential employment opportunities for OFWs in the coming months particularly in the field of infrastructure, medical, real, state services, manufacturing and petrochemical sector. Opportunities for various skills like engineers, construction worker, medical technician, hotel workers and nurses will be available for OFWs.

Employment of Filipino workers in the infrastructure sector will continue to be in demand as more infrastructure projects are now being built in the Capital. Some of these projects are:

- Aldar's Dh 2.1 billion construction work which will require more engineers, and other skilled construction worker.
- Infrastructure projects in Ghiayathi, Salamt, Al Yahar and other areas in the Western and Eastern region of Abu Dhabi.
- General Authority for Health Services (GAHS) for Abu Dhabi has taken over the operations of all government hospitals and primary healthcare centers in Abu Dhabi. About 13 government hospitals and 147 PHC is now under the Authority, GAHS is currently supervising Sheik Khalifa Medical Center, Abu Dhabi's Al Rahba Hospitals, Al AinsTawan Hospital and Liwa Hospitals in the western region, currently in need of 896 nurses and medical technicians as per job order processed in the 1st quarter of 2007.
- Jebel Hafit Hotel in al Alin with 5 star facilities such as royal and executive suits, restaurant, ballroom, malls and swimming pools, Project Cost: Dh 53 M
- Al Maha Rotana Hotel in Al Ain is in the finishing stage, Project Cost: DH 70M
- Abu Dhabi International Hotel Airport Expansion-multi-phase redevelopment of the existing airport to be finished in 2010, Project Cost: Dh 21 B

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