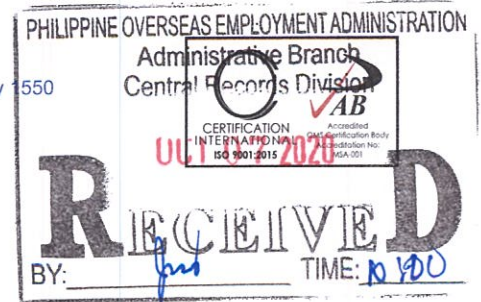




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Partial Lifting of the Suspension of Verification of Employment Documents for OFWs by the POLOs in Saudi Arabia

Following the information received from the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia on allowing the return of Filipino nationals to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia effective 15 September 2020 for those who possess re-entry, work, residence or visit visas, and pursuant to the instructions of DOLE Secretary Silvestre Bello III to partially lift the suspension on the verification of documents, the verification of employment documents shall commence, limited to 50% of the usual volume processed by the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs) in the Kingdom. However, the processing of the following documents by the POLOs remains suspended until further notice:

- a. Accreditation of new principals;
- b. Renewal of accreditation of erring foreign principals; and
- c. Application of job orders/additional job orders from construction and mega recruitment companies

OFWs and foreign principals availing of the POLO's Balik Manggagawa and verification services are advised to secure online appointment at www.poloriyadh.com. Strict social distancing and health protocols will be implemented

Only fifty (50) Balik Manggagawa clients per day will be allowed and POLO would only accept a maximum of twenty (20) individual employment contracts for verification per day. Saudi Recruitment Agencies (SRA) will be allowed to submit verification documents once a week.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Sources: Memorandum of the Secretary to POEA dated 22 September 2020
Memorandum of the Secretary to POLO Riyadh and Jeddah dated 23 September 2020
Advisory from the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Riyadh

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