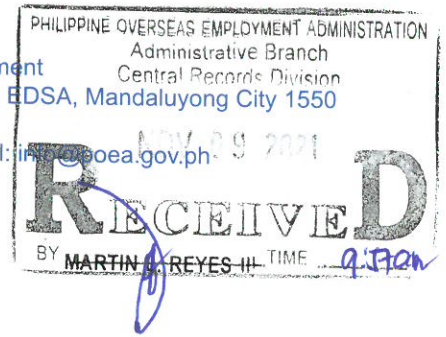




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SUBJECT : Traveling Filipinos Not Qualified to be Accorded with Overseas Employment Certificates (OECs)

The Administration, particularly the Balik-Manggagawa Processing Division (BMPD) and the Direct Hire Assistance Division (DHAD), continues to encounter a number of cases wherein Filipinos travelling overseas and who are not classified as Overseas Filipino Workers are applying for processing and issuance of an OEC.

Pursuant to Republic Act 8042 otherwise known as the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995 as amended by Republic Act 10022, OECs are issued to serve as an exit permit and a proof of the documentation of an OFW defined by the same law. The OEC must be presented to immigration authorities at the airports and to other government agencies to avail of all the incentives being afforded to OFWs such as airport terminal fee exemption, travel tax payment exemptions as well as exemption from payment of income tax, among others.

In this regard, the Administration hereby reminds the public that Filipino travelers who are in possession of following status are not classified as Overseas Filipino Workers as either defined by law or in pursuance to the Bureau of Immigration Memorandum dated 10 January 2012 on the *Guidelines on Departure Formalities for International Bound Passengers in All Airports and Seaports in the Country*, as follows:

- a. Emigrant/Immigrant
- b. Permanent Resident
- c. Dependent/Spouse of Foreign National
- d. Intra-Company Transferee
- e. OFW on vacation but will visit other countries prior to returning to the jobsite
- f. Trainee
- g. US J1 Visa holder or Cultural Exchange Programs
- h. Other Non-OFW Status as evaluated

After evaluation, an appropriate certification issued either by the Balik-Manggagawa Processing Division or the Direct Hire Assistance Division, as the case may be, and signed by an authorized officer of the Administration will be provided to the said traveling Filipinos for presentation at the Bureau of Immigration at the airports.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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