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LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION ON VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT DOCUMENTS OF NEWLY-HIRED WORKERS BY THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS LABOR OFFICE IN AMMAN, JORDAN

Following the recommendation from the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Amman, Jordan based on the re-assessment of the Philippine Embassy in Amman on the current situation of our Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) there, including the assurance from the Jordan Ministry of Labor to provide the necessary protection to our OFWs, the temporary suspension on the verification of employment documents for newly hired workers has been lifted, subject to the following:

a. Jordan recruitment agencies shall undertake full responsibility for the medical expenses of OFWs particularly expenses for the payment of COVID-19 RT-PCR test upon arrival at Amman airport, as well as for runaway workers at the POLO shelter;

b. Jordan recruitment agencies must have a suitable and decent housing accommodation and quarantine facility for their newly arrived workers, which should be either owned by, or leased under the name of the said agencies;

c. There will be no accreditation of job orders for agencies with workers staying at the POLO shelter or outside with unsettled and pending work-related complaints, as well as those who were suspended for failure to provide repatriation tickets and other assistance to their deployed workers at the POLO shelter since the beginning of the pandemic last year;

d. There will be no accreditation to be granted to new agencies and those agencies who were delinquent, suspended or inactive for the past two years;

e. Only recruitment agencies in good standing and must have processed about 100 workers for the past two years will be allowed for accreditation, except for those found to be qualified after evaluation by the POLO based on the agency’s performance, cooperation and assistance extended by the agencies to its deployed workers at the POLO shelter;

f. Accreditation of agencies shall be automatically suspended or cancelled if such agencies have been found responsible for deploying Filipino workers to work outside Jordan, such as in Syria, Iraq, Palestine or Egypt; and

g. Agencies shall not be allowed to transact business or settle cases with POLO except through authorized representatives directly employed by them and in possession of appropriate visas (non-domestic worker) in case of non-Jordanians.
Returning workers and residents must present a negative RT-PCR test result taken within 120 hours prior to arrival in Jordan.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Sources: Memorandum of the Secretary to POLO Amman dated 15 April 2021
Note Verbal from the Honorary Consulate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the Philippines, 19 April 2021