

Announcement of Special EPS-TOPIK

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), Special EPS-TOPIK for those who voluntarily returned home within their permitted sojourn period and want to come back for work in Korea will be conducted as follows.

All job seekers who want to work in Korea under the Employment Permit System should pass the EPS-TOPIK, 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.

July 7, 2021

Held by: Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea
Implemented by: Human Resources Development Service of Korea
cooperated by: Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines
and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

1. Test Schedule

Registration Period	Announcement Of test date	Test Period	Announcement of test result	Age Requirements
July 28~30	August 25	October 12~15	November 10	July 27, 1982 ~ July 28, 2003

* The schedule can be changed according to EPS circumstances

2. (Allowed) Type of Industry: Manufacturing

* If an applicant wants to apply 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 (expected) number of passers: To be announced

- The number of passer will be announced later separately in the order of the high scores among the applicants who **scored 100 or more points out of 200 regardless of industry.**

4. Test Place and date Announcement

- Test Place: CBT (Computer Based Test) Examination Room
- **Announcement of the Test date: August 25, 2021**
- Announcement Method
 - website of EPS-TOPIK(<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
 - the notice board of POEA

5. Qualifications(Eligibility)

- Reemployed workers under the EPS who voluntarily have returned to his or her home country within their permitted sojourn period (Time of returning: Not before January 1st, 2010)
- Persons aged between 18 and 39

- 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
- Persons who don't have total 5 years or longer duration of sojourn with E-9 and E-10 VISA in Korea
- * In case of returning to his/her country before amendments of Immigration Control law (Nov 2017), a person can be on the available applicants list even though he/she had stayed for 5 years or more in Korea. In that case, it is impossible for the person to apply because of lack of qualification for the test.

6. Registration Procedure

- Period: July 28~30, 2021
- Place: POEA
- Method: Individual-Visit-Registration
- Required documents
 - Copy of passport on their returning home (for proving he/she is a voluntary returnee)
 - Application form (Free distribution at the registration place, only to the applicants who paid the test fee)
 - ※ Registration numbers are written on each application form, and one applicant can Receive and submit one application form. If there is any error in an application form, correct it with correction fluid or tape and submit it.
 - A copy of passport (or ID card)
 - ※ A copy of passport (or ID card) is required to be attached on the application form
 - ※ It is preferable to attach a copy of passport (or ID card) written in English (especially name)
 - 2 photographs of 3.5 x 4.5cm (taken within 3 months, Only White Background)

- Test fee: 24 USD (**PHP 1,185_BSP rate as of JULY 7, 2021**)

COUNTRY	UNIT	SYMBOL	EURO EQUIVALENT	U.S. DOLLAR EQUIVALENT	PHIL. PESO EQUIVALENT
I. CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WITH BANGKO SENTRAL					
1 UNITED STATES	DOLLAR	USD	0.845809	1.000000	49.4110

- ✧ If an applicant who has unavoidable reasons cancel 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 & date for each applicant.
- Additional Points and Exemption of test fee

Additional Points					Exemption of test fee(Y/N)
Resettlement support training programs	Year	TOPIK Level 3 Course (Maximum 20 points)		Job Skill Training for employment / Starting business	Y
	2016	Completion	People who have TOPIK Level 3 or higher	Completion	
		-	Extra Points (20 points)	Extra Points (5 points)	
	From 2017	Extra Points (5 points)	Extra Points (20 points)	Extra Points (5 points)	
Departure after the seasonal working	Departure after the seasonal working(10 points)				N
U-turn company worker	People who have TOPIK Level 3 or higher(20 points)				N

✧ If you have additional points, submit both application form(refer to Attachment) and certificate.

7. (planned) Testing Period: October 12~15, 2021

○ Test Structure & Criteria

Question Structure	Number of questions	Total score	Time given
R/C	20	100 pts	25 mins.
L/C	20	100 pts	25 mins.
TOTAL	40	200 pts	50 mins.

○ Composition of the test

Total Score	R/C	L/C	Adding Points		
			Resettlement support training programs	Departure after the seasonal working	U-turn company worker
200 pts	100 pts	100 pts	5/10/20/25 pts	10 pts	20 pts

○ Test Duration

Test session	Test faculty meeting	Orientation for test takers	Duration	
			Reading(25min)	Listening(25min)
1 st session	09:20~09:30	09:30~10:00	10:00~10:25	10:25~10:50
2 nd session	10:50~11:00	11:00~11:30	11:30~11:55	11:55~12:20
3 rd session	13:20~13:30	13:30~14:00	14:00~14:25	14:25~14:50
4 th session	14:50~15:00	15:00~15:30	15:30~15:55	15:55~16:20

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

○ Test Structure & Allotment of Scores and passing standard

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).
- R/C and L/C will be implemented continuously without a break.

○ All of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on “The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK”.

○ Items to prepare on the test day: Admission Ticket, Passport (or ID card)

- ※ All applicants are required to bring his/her passport (ID card) of which is the same with the one posted on his/her application form
- ※ No applicant is allowed to take the test without passport(or ID card)

8. Announcement of Test Result

- [Announcement Date: November 10, 2021](#)
- Announcement Method
 - Notice board of the POEA
 - Website of the Employment Permit System(<http://www.eps.go.kr>)
 - Website of the EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
- Validity period of test result is 2 years (effect on the date of result announcement)

9. Other Information

- If an applicant is confirmed as a non-voluntary returnee, his/her test result will be considered invalid even he/she passes the test and the applicant should take full responsibility on that.
- Those who pass the test will benefit from a shortened reentering procedures including faster job registration and placement, and exemption from pre-departure training.
- [On the test day, mobile phones, smart watches, Bluetooth earphones, and other electronic devices which are possibly used in cheating during the test are highly prohibited.](#)
- [Test will be void, and examinees will NOT be eligible for taking the test for 4 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), their 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

10. Notice about preventing spread of COVID-19

- All applicants must wear the masks before entering the test venue and comply with proper instructions or guideline for the safety of other people.
- Before entering the venue, all applicants must have their temperature and clean their hands with hand sanitizer. If an applicant has fever, cough or other respiratory symptoms, entrance for the venue can be restricted.
- Please shun physical contact such as handshakes and hugs and maintain proper cough etiquette (cough or sneeze into your sleeve).

- ◆ 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 or who do not meet the criteria for E-9 visa, cannot be employed in Korea.
- ◆ If the drug test results are positive after entering Korea, you can be returned to your country.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Applicants with color blindness and/or color weakness, are not permitted to pass the test. Also, applicants with physical handicaps such as the slipped disc or finger amputation can be excluded on the valid roster.
- ◆ The penalties for cheating candidates and illegal substitutes are being reinforced. If one work in(come to) Korea unfairly, he/she will be accused of law enforcement.

【Attachment】

Application for Test Fee Exemption and Additional points

<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's Oath			
I solemnly swear that I will take full legal responsibilities for any falsified documents submitted for registering EPS-TOPIK. ※ If the applicant's document is proven to be falsified, the test result will be invalidated and the person will not be able to take any EPS-TOPIK for 4 years.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicants to fill in			
Name		Registration No.	
Date of birth		Passport No.	
Gender		Contact no.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Resettlement Support Training(Maximum 25 points, test fee exemption)			
Korean education process (Maximum 20 points)	•Those who completed a TOPIK Level 3 Course <Not available for those who completed in 2016> (○)		
	• Those who have a certificate of TOPIK Level 3 or higher after the completion of a TOPIK Level 3 Course (○)		
Vocational training for employment & Start-up (Maximum 5 points)	• Those who completed vocational training for employment & Start-up (○)		

Departure after the seasonal working(10 points) (○)

As U-turn company worker, people who have TOPIK Level 3 or higher(20 points) (○)

20___ / ___ / ___ (YYYY/MM/DD)

Name: _____ (Signature)

President of HRD Korea