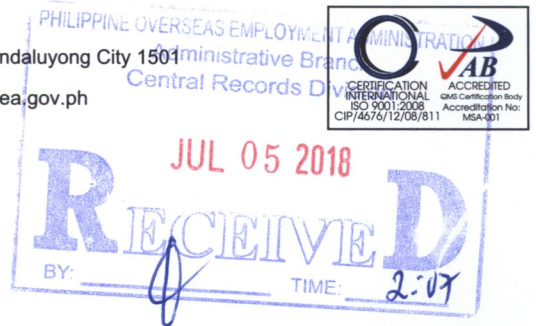




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**TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT**

The public is being warned of the illegal recruitment activities and various scams of individuals, training institutions and travel agencies, misrepresenting themselves as connected to the POEA and licensed agencies.

The Administration has received numerous reports of the illegal recruitment activities of said entities promising fake overseas employment to prospective applicants.

These entities use the online platform like Facebook, famous job search websites and even fake email accounts and entice applicants to enroll in language trainings for a consideration under the representation that it is a guarantee of securing overseas employment. They also promise to facilitate the applicants' work visas and passports leading the applicants to believe that they can be deployed after parting with their hard earned money by depositing it to remittance centers like Western Union, Cebuana Lhuillier, Palawan Express among others. After depositing the required amount, the applicant victim/s can no longer contact the person/entity he/she dealt with and becomes a victim of the scam.

In view of the foregoing, may we reiterate the various advisories issued by the POEA, advising the public to check the official POEA website ([www.poea.gov.ph](http://www.poea.gov.ph)) or call us at 722-11-44 or 55 (Information Center) for verification as to the existence of job orders, status of agencies and to ensure that the person/s you are dealing with is connected to licensed agencies.

Please be advised also that no placement fee is allowed to be collected in countries of destination like New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Netherlands and U.S.A (H2B visa). No placement fee shall also be collected for Domestic Workers/ Household Service Workers regardless of countries of destination. As to payment of the allowable one (1) month salary placement fee for all other positions, pay them only to the cashier of the licensed recruitment agencies inside their registered offices with the corresponding BIR issued official receipt after employment has been secured for you.

We also encourage the public to be more cautious and immediately report to us any illegal recruitment activity whether committed in person or using the online platform for the filing of appropriate action and prevent the proliferation of these scammers and illegal recruiters. You may report these activities to the Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch official Facebook page (POEA Anti-illegal Recruitment), e-mail ([poea.airb16@gmail.com](mailto:poea.airb16@gmail.com)), or call us at 722-11-89 (Legal Assistance Division) or 722-11-92 (Operations and Surveillance Division).

  
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