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Extension of Six (6) Months Hiring Ban on Expatriate Workers in Oman

The Philippine Embassy in Muscat reported that the Ministry of Manpower (MoM) in Oman has extended for six (6) months the hiring ban for non-Omani manpower or expatriate workers in the eighty-seven (87) professions mentioned in Ministerial Decree 38/2018. The extension for hiring ban will commence on 30 July 2018.

According to the statement released by the MoM, during the period of the ban, companies are not allowed to recruit non-Omani workers to the professions mentioned in the said decree, which includes engineers, architects, civil, public relations and accountants, among others. However, the temporary ban does not include renewal of employment visas for existing workers.

Attached as an integral part of this Advisory is a copy of Oman Ministry of Manpower Ministerial Decision No. 38/2018 including the list of professions covered by the ban.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

Source: Philippine Embassy in Muscat

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Ministry of Manpower

Ministerial Decision

No 38/2018

Regarding banning temporarily the licenses for recruitment of expatriate manpower in some professions

Article one

The decision has temporarily banned the recruitment of expatriate manpower by the private sector in the sectors mentioned hereunder for six months.

Article two

The decision does not apply to establishments owned by employers wholly devoted to management of their establishments which are registered with the Public Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises Development and insured with the Public Authority for Social Insurance (PASI)

Article three

The decision shall take effect from the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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Minister of Manpower

The list of professions that have been impacted by the decision:

1- Information and Technology

- 1.Information Security Specialist
- 2.Geographic Information System Specialist
- 3. Electronic Computer Networks
- 4. Programmed Machines Maintenance Electronic
- 5. Electronic Calculator Maintenance
- 6. Graphic Designer
- 7. Electronic Surveillance Equipment Assembly
- 8. Electronics Technician Telecom
- 9. Electronics Technician Control Instrument
- 10. Electronic Technician Medical Equipment
- 11. Electronics Technician Broadcast
- 12. Electronic Technician Programmed Machines
- 13. Electronic Technician Computer Networks
- 14. Computer Programmer
- 15.Computer Engineer
- 16.Computer operator

2- Accounting and Finance

- 1.Bank Notes and Money changer
- 2.Bank notes technician
- 3. Account Auditing technician
- 4. General accounting technician
- 5. Cost account technician
- 6.Costs accountant
- 7.Insurance collector

3- Marketing and Sales

- 1. Sales specialist
- 2.Storekeeper

3.Commercial agent

- 4.Commercial manager
- 5. Procurement logistics specialist

4- Administration and Human Resources

- 1. Business Administration Specialist
- 2. Public Relation Specialist
- 3. Human Resources Specialist
- 4. Administrative Director

5- Insurance

- 1.Insurance Agent General
- 2.Real Estate Insurance Agent
- 3. Cargo Insurance Agent
- 4. Life Insurance Agent
- 5. Vehicle Insurance Agent
- 6. Factory Insurance Agent

6- Information/Media Professions

- 1. Media Specialist
- 2. Page Maker
- 3. Paper Pulp Machine Operator
- 4. Bookbinding Machine Operator
- 5. Decorative Books Operator of
- 6. Calendar Operator
- 7. Paper Dyeing Machine Operators
- 8. Bill Printing Machine Operator
- 9. Cylinder Press Operator
- 10. Rotating Press Operator
- 11. Offset Printing Machine Operator
- 12. Color Press Operator
- 13. Paleographic Press Operator
- 14. Paper Folder Machine Operator