

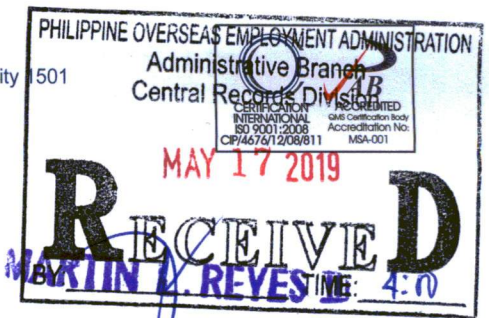


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Implementation of Kuwait Ministerial Resolution No. 135 of 2019 on the Use of Civil ID Card as Proof of Residence

The public is hereby advised that the Kuwait government implemented a new rule on the residency of foreigners in the State of Kuwait effective 10 March 2019. Pursuant to the Kuwait Ministerial Resolution No. 135 of 2019, the Kuwait Ministry of Interior (MOI) shall discontinue issuing Residency Permit stickers on expatriates' passports. Instead, a Kuwait Civil Identification Card (Civil ID) issued by the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) which contains all necessary information of the workers will be considered as proof of residence. The card, together with the valid passport, shall be presented by the expatriates upon entry and exit from Kuwait.

The implementation of the Resolution started with the visa article 20 holders (domestic workers.) The said Resolution is not applicable to holders of visa article 14 (temporary residence).

Workers with valid residency stickers issued before the implementation of the Resolution shall continue to use them until the date of their expiry.

Workers going to Kuwait for the first time shall present an entry visa issued by the Embassy of the State of Kuwait in the worker's country of origin and a valid passport to enter the said country. These workers shall apply for their Kuwait residency visa/Civil ID within the first two months of their stay in Kuwait. The Civil IDs are issued within three (3) working days. Workers who are caught not in possession of the Civil IDs will be deported to their country of origin.

For vacationing/returning Filipino workers, the Civil ID is valid only for six (6) months of stay in the Philippines. After the said period, workers who extended their vacation/stay shall apply for an entry visa at the Kuwait Embassy in Manila in lieu of the cancelled Civil ID to be able to return to Kuwait.


For lost Civil ID in the Philippines, workers will be required to apply for a temporary visa at the Kuwait Embassy in Manila to avoid problems at the Philippine Immigration counters at the airports and for processing and issuance of overseas employment certificate (OEC) at the POEA.

Workers must ensure that the data embedded in their Kuwait Civil ID cards match the entries in their passports. If there are discrepancies in their Civil IDs, they shall apply for a new one before their departure from Kuwait. The Philippine Bureau of Immigration

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shall not allow the departure to Kuwait of any vacationing/returning worker with data or information discrepancies in the Civil ID.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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