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## Warning against exclusive loan, training, and health examination arrangements made by licensed recruitment agencies

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has received reports of licensed recruitment agencies who facilitate exclusive credit and loan arrangements for OFW applicants. Moreover, there are also reports of requirements for training and pre-employment medical examination at specifically designated training institutions or clinics, with costs charged to the worker.

The POEA reiterates that exclusive arrangement for loans, and exclusive arrangement for training and/or health examinations are violations of Republic Act 10022 (the Migrant Workers Act, as amended) and the 2016 Revised POEA Rules and Regulations. POEA warns OFW applicants regarding these schemes.

The POEA also enjoins applicants who have been victimized by these unscrupulous practices to report the matter to the POEA for investigation and the filing of appropriate cases. Information on avoiding recruitment scams is available at the POEA website and the Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/airbranch.

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