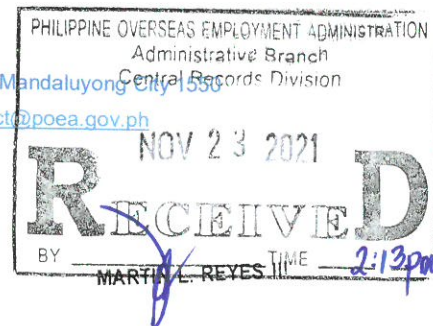




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UNRESTRICTED B-1 VISA IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Tel Aviv, Israel clarified that Filipino citizens travelling to the said country using Unrestricted B1 Visa are not required to secure an Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) prior to their departure.

The Post also stressed that the Unrestricted B-1 Visa is a working visa that is granted upon "friendship" wherein a Filipino national having a legitimate relationship with an Israeli citizen is allowed to be invited by the latter to stay in the said country.

Holders of such visas, however, are advised to proceed to the Consular Office of the Philippine Embassy in Tel Aviv to secure a certification attesting the issuance of the Israel Ministry of Interior of such visa to a Filipino national on the basis of his/her relationship with an Israeli national. The certification is to be presented to Philippine Immigration authorities upon departure to Israel.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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