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### Warning on ARNOTT'S BISCUITS Recruitment Scam

The Australian Embassy in the Philippines noted cases of Filipinos who have been victimized by individuals/entities offering fake jobs or promising to process work permits for employment in Australia, in particular Arnott's Biscuits Ltd..

The scam involves online advertisements or unsolicited e-mails with promise of employment through "direct hiring" or "government-sponsored" schemes. Applicants would be required to send their passports via courier to a supposed "Immigration Office" address in Australia, and to deposit or transfer fees for documentation and release of visas and work permits. The Australian Department of Home Affairs warns that prospective migrants who have been illegally processed will be refused entry.<sup>1</sup> The public meanwhile is encouraged to report scams related to Australian visas and working in Australia to Australia's Border Watch.<sup>2</sup>

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) reminds job seekers to verify overseas employment offers and to ensure processing and documentation with the POEA. For more information on overseas employment visit the POEA website at [www.poea.gov.ph](http://www.poea.gov.ph). Information on avoiding recruitment scams is available at the POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/airbranch](http://www.facebook.com/airbranch).

  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-and-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/border-watch>

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