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Recruiter gets 40 months suspension for submitting fake TESDA certificates

The Philippine Overseas Employment has imposed a penalty of 40 months suspension of license against IExcel Manpower Corporation for misrepresentation and falsification of travel documents of household service workers (HSWs).

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said the agency submitted for evaluation and processing by the POEA Land-base Center employment and travel documents of nine of its HSW applicants including TESDA-NCII certificates, which was verified as fake by the Manila District Office of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

Cacdac said possession of the National Certificate for Household Service Workers (NCII) is not a trivial requirement that should be taken lightly.

"Our government recognizes that the ultimate protection to all migrant workers is the possession of skills and familiarity with the country and language of their employers and host governments that is why OFWs for deployment as HSWs are required to complete the competency requirements under the Philippine TVET Qualification and Certification System," Cacdac said.

Cacdac said the POEA has established that IExcel Manpower Corporation violated Section 2 (e), (o) and (ee) of Rule I, Part VI of the 2002 POEA Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Land-Based Overseas Workers and has imposed the following penalties:

- 1. For nine counts of violation of Section 2 (e) or misrepresentation, being its first offense, 36 months suspension of license or fine of Php1,800,000.00.
- 2. For one count of violation of Section 2 (o) or falsifying or altering travel documents of applicants, being its first offense, 4 months suspension of license or fine of Php200,000.00

Cacdac reminded recruitment agencies that they are expected to ensure the authenticity and validity of documents submitted for processing by the POEA and they are liable for any irregularity in its issuance. /END