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POEA allows multiple accreditation of foreign employers and principals

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration recently issued the guidelines on the multiple accreditation of foreign employers and placement agencies hiring Filipino workers.

The POEA has issued Memorandum Circular N0. 6, s2017, pursuant to Governing Board No. 3 series of 2017 which allows a foreign placement agency to be accredited with four (4) licensed recruitment agencies, while an employer to be accredited up to a maximum of five (5) licensed recruitment agencies.

The multiple accreditation, however, shall be allowed subject to certain conditions.

The principal/employer and the recruitment agencies shall adopt a uniform compensation package for the hired workers.

A foreign placement agency hiring household service workers can apply for a second accreditation if it has hired and employed at least 100 HSWs immediately preceding the request for dual accreditation.

For the third accreditation, the foreign placement agency must have deployed at least 200 workers and submit a Certificate of No Pending Case from the POEA's Adjudication Office.

For the fourth accreditation, the foreign placement agency must have deployed at least 300 workers and only after one year from the third accreditation, and upon submission of a Certificate of No Pending Case.

The foreign principal shall also submit an undertaking that it will comply with all its obligations to other licensed recruitment agencies, including monitoring the status of its hired worker.

Only foreign placement agencies and employers without pending cases and were not previously suspended can apply for multiple accreditation. /END