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Beware of job scammers on Facebook

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration reiterates its warning on the proliferation of fake overseas jobs posted by scammers on Facebook and other job portals.

Scammers post on Facebook pages supposed vacancies of international companies for various positions. The job offer includes high salary, free transportation, free food and accommodation, high overtime pay rate, paid vacation leave and other benefits. However, applicants are required to pay for expenses allegedly for processing of documents including visa or work permit.

The POEA recently received queries from several job applicants about “Now Hiring Work Abroad 2018”, a public group on Facebook with advertisements offering alleged jobs in Canada, United States, New Zealand, Japan, Australia, United Kingdom and other developed countries. The ads entice readers to email their resume to a job portal.

An applicant said he received an email informing him that his application for United Kingdom has been approved but was advised to deposit within 48 hours the amount of Php9,800.00 for visa fee to an account in a Philippine bank.

Any job offer through e-mail and social media which requires payment of fees for seminar, documentation, and processing of visa and other travel documents is a sure sign of a scam. POEA advises applicants to validate the authenticity of job offers with the POEA through its verification system at poea.gov.ph, hotlines 7221144 and 7221155, and POEA mobile phone application which is downloadable via Google Play or Apple’s App Store. /END