

NEWS RELEASE
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POEA requires officers and staff of recruitment agencies to attend learning sessions

The Governing Board of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration yesterday issued a resolution requiring all officers and personnel, including members of the Board of Directors of recruitment and manning agencies to attend orientation seminars as prerequisite in connection with the issuance of their license.

Governing Board Resolution No. 6, series of 2019 cited the need for all members of the management team of applicant and existing licensed agencies to fully understand, appreciate and be aware of their participation as well as their responsibilities, as directors, officers and personnel of a licensed agency engaged in the overseas recruitment, thus avoid incurring violations which can result to suspension or other penalties imposed on the agency.

The 2016 POEA Rules and Regulations for land-based workers and seafarers provide that under its Agency Education Program, the Administration shall provide a Pre-Licensing Orientation Seminar (PLOS) and a Continuing Agency Education Program (CAEP) for the officers and personnel of licensed recruitment agencies.

The Resolution seeks to amend the pertinent provisions of the revised POEA rules to include the members of the Board of Directors which will be required to comply with the on PLOS and CAEP attendance.

In case of change of directors or management, the new director may be exempted from attending the PLOS if he/she is able to submit proof of prior attendance to PLOS.

GB Chairman DOLE Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III, Vice Chairman POEA Administrator Bernard P. Olalia and board members Estrelita S. Hizon and Felix M. Oca signed the resolution. /END