

News Release

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Employment documents verification of OFWs in KSA resumes

DOLE Secretary and POEA Board Chair Silvestre H. Bello III has instructed the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLO) in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to resume the verification of employment documents of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

This after the Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) allowed international travel of non-Saudis, including the return of Filipino workers to the Kingdom upon presenting a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR result taken within 48 hours.

The verification of documents, however, will be limited to 50 per cent of the usual volume processed by POLOs in KSA with strict social distancing and health protocols as preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19.

All OFWs and foreign principals availing of POLO's Balik Mangagawa and verification services are advised to secure online appointment at www.poloriyadh.com.

Only 50 Balik-Mangagawa clients per day will be accommodated while only 20 clients will be accommodated by POLO on the verification of their employment contract.

Saudi Recruitment Agencies (SRA) will also be allowed to submit their verification documents once a week.

However, the accreditation of new principals, the renewal of accreditation of erring foreign principals, as well as the application of job orders/additional job orders from construction and mega recruitment companies remain suspended.

Meanwhile, aside from the negative COVID-19 RT-PCR result, all foreign travelers to KSA, including returning OFWs are advised to download the "tetamen" and "tawakina" application for health and safety purposes, and must adhere to the preventive health protocols of home quarantine as determined by the Health Ministry. ###