

## News Release

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### Beware of job offers which require early payment of fees

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) warns overseas job applicants to disregard unsolicited job offers through e-mails and social media which entail early payment of fees through money transfer facilities.

The POEA have received reports of jobseekers who were victimized by online scams perpetuated by unscrupulous individuals who pretend to be an employee or officer of a licensed recruitment agency. The scammer would send bogus job offers through e-mails, texts, or private messages to unsuspecting jobseekers making them pay a reservation fee amounting from P3,000 to P3,800 for an alleged online interview, screening or seminar. The intended victims were usually promised lucrative salaries and immediate deployment for jobs in Canada, United Kingdom, USA and other developed countries which are ordinarily non-existent.

A job offer which require early payment of fees through electronic transfer is a solid indication of a scam.

Any transaction relative to overseas job applications should be conducted within the registered business address of a licensed recruitment agency. Also, the collection of any fee from a worker must always be accompanied by an official receipt, which shows the amount paid and purpose of the payment.

Jobseekers are advised to always confirm offers of employment through the POEA verification system at the POEA website [www.poea.gov.ph](http://www.poea.gov.ph) , telephone numbers 87221144 and 87221155 or by sending an email to the POEA Information Center at [info@poea.gov.ph](mailto:info@poea.gov.ph).

The POEA encourages the public to be vigilant and immediately report any suspicious activities pertaining to online recruitment scams to POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch Operations and Surveillance Division at [poea\\_airb\\_osd@yahoo.com](mailto:poea_airb_osd@yahoo.com) or contact 8722-1192. ###