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Expanded online evaluation for Balik Mangggawa

Returning workers or Balik Mangggawa (BM) may continue to avail of the BM Online Evaluation for efficient transaction on securing their travel exit clearance or Overseas Employment Certificates (OEC), amid the community quarantine protocols.

In POEA Memorandum Circular No. 27, Series of 2020, returning workers with previous online records and who have not completed their online transactions can avail of the online evaluation, which is a supplement of the already existing BM Online System

To use the expanded online evaluation, BMs must first log-in to an existing account at www.bmonline.ph to secure their OEC.

When no OEC exemption certificate is issued by the system, the BM is prompted to make an appointment and must select the nearest authorized POEA processing site.

The BM must scan or take picture of all the basic requirements for submission including their valid passport for at least six months from the date of departure, valid and appropriate visa and/or work permit, and POLO-verified employment contract.

Any proof of existing employment that the BM is returning to the same employer, such as valid company ID, recent pays slips is also needed for evaluation.

On the other hand, for BMs who are returning to the same employer but to different country, a letter from the employer attesting the transfer of the jobsite must be submitted.

For additional necessary requirements, the BM must also submit the online copy of their quarantine travel pass and clearance, copy of the page of the passport indicating the last departure and arrival date, copy of BM appointment sheet, previous OEC, and their confirmed itinerary.

All scanned copies of the above-mentioned requirements must be submitted to the nearest authorized processing site on the date of the worker's selected appointment.

The email address of authorized POEA processing site for BM Online Evaluation can be accessed at <http://poea.gov.ph/memorandumcirculares/2020/MC-27-2020.pdf>

The BM will receive a payment reference number once the application is approved, and may pay the fees through the preferred Bayad Center.

The BMs may print their OECs from their BM Account once the payment is confirmed.

For immediate assistance on BM online account, workers may contact the Balik-Manggagawa Processing Division by sending them an email at bm_retrieval@poea.gov.ph.

The online evaluation is not yet available to previously undocumented BMs, workers with no BM Online accounts, workers with watchlisted employers, workers returning to restricted markets, watchlisted workers, as well as to household service workers. ###