

## News Release

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# Israel needs 500 Pinoy caregivers

Qualified Filipino caregivers may now work in Israel without paying exorbitant placement fees.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, through its government hiring facility, is now accepting applications to fill up the 500 needed home-based caregivers that can provide diligent and skilled caregiving assistance to Israel's persons with disabilities (PWDs), including elderly disabled persons.

Interested applicants must be a Filipino citizen, at least 23 years old, at least 1.5 meters tall and weighs at least 45 kilograms.

The estimated gross monthly income is 5,300 New Israeli Shekels, which is approximately 1500 USD or 75,000 in Philippine peso. Other benefits include medical insurance and sick pay, as well as a suitable living accommodations in the home of the PWD for the entire duration of the employment.

The maximum duration of the permitted employment of a home-based caregiver in Israel is up to 63 months from the time of first entry into Israel or around 4 to 5 years of contract period.

Applicants must possess a TESDA certification that certifies them as eligible caregivers for overseas employment; or possess a diploma, certifying that they graduated from a 4-year nursing or physical therapy college course approved by the Philippine Government. At least 760 hours of relevant training is also required.

However, due to the present restrictions on the deployment of health care workers due to COVID-19, licensed nurses are not allowed to apply.

Applicants must have completed at least 12 years of schooling and is proficient in English language for better communication with the patient and relevant groups in Israel. They should not have parents, spouse or children currently residing in Israel; physically and mentally healthy; and capable of doing difficult caregiving work. Applicants must also have a clean record with the National Bureau of Investigation.

Qualified applicants first need to register online at <http://onlineservices.poea.gov.ph/OnlineServices/POEAOnline.aspx>.

Israel's Population and Immigration Authority (PIBA) will randomly select about 75 percent of the qualified applicants for recorded interview and online examination to be conducted both in English.

The interview and exam results will be uploaded to a database wherein the hiring family member or representative may choose the suitable candidate.

Applicants should be aware, however, that inclusion in the database does not ensure selection or employment as caregiver in Israel.

Also, the Government of the State of Israel and/or PIBA are not and will not be the employers of the caregivers. They will be employed directly by the PWD who holds a permit allowing employment of a foreign caregiver or by the PWD's family members or legal representatives, either alone or jointly with a caregiving company.

The POEA warns prospective applicants to be suspicious of unscrupulous person who may take advantage of this hiring program.

The Temporary Employment of Filipino Home-based Caregivers in Israel is implemented through a government-to-government agreement signed by the Philippine Department of Labor and Employment and the Population and Immigration Authority of the State of Israel. There is no direct hiring and the POEA has not authorized any person or entity to recruit and deploy Filipino caregivers to Israel on its behalf.

The deadline of submission of applications in the POEA Regional Offices is on November 27, 2020 and November 30, 2020 for applicants in the POEA Central Office.

For complete information on the hiring of Filipino caregivers in Israel, please see [http://poea.gov.ph/vacancies/files/20201113\\_RSFI\\_Israel.pdf](http://poea.gov.ph/vacancies/files/20201113_RSFI_Israel.pdf). ###