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UAE amends rules on validity of residency visas

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Cabinet has amended its previous decisions on the validity of residency visas for foreign nationals, including Filipino workers, as well as the resumption on charging for visa services starting July 12, 2020.

The amendment includes the cancellation of the previous decision extending the validity of expired residence and visit visas until the end of December 2020, as well as the withdrawal on the suspension of collecting administrative fines for violations related to Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA).

Based on the POEA Advisory No. 100, Series of 2020, the UAE cabinet granted a three-month grace period to Emiratis, GCC citizens, and residents to renew documents, while those who spent less than six months outside UAE were given one month from the date of entering UAE to renew their documents.

Also, residents who are staying outside of UAE and whose residency visas have expired as of March 1, 2020 or have exceeded a period of six months outside UAE were granted a grace period to return to UAE, effective from the date of the opening of the airspace between the two countries as per specific schedule determined by ICA.

Administrative fees or fines will not be collected during the grace period but will begin immediately after the end of the said deadlines. ###