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Beware of fake Australia job offers

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) reminds Filipino job seekers to exercise extreme caution in dealing with online job advertisements offering supposed employment opportunities in Australia.

The POEA received reports from the Australian Embassy in the Philippines of cases of Filipinos who have been victimized by individuals and entities offering fake jobs or promising work permits for employment in Australia, particularly for the company Arnott's Biscuits Ltd..

The said scam involves online advertisements or unsolicited e-mails to the prospect applicants, who were promised of employment through "direct hiring" or "government-sponsored" schemes.

The applicants were required to send their passports via courier to a supposed "Immigration Office" address in Australia, and were asked to deposit or transfer fees for the documentation and release of their visas and work permits.

The Australian Department of Home Affairs warned prospective migrants who have been illegally processed will be denied entry into the country and encouraged the public to report scams related to the Australian visas and working permits to Australia's Border Watch.

The POEA, meanwhile, reminds overseas job applicants to always verify job offers through the POEA website www.poea.gov.ph to avoid employment scams. Information on avoiding illegal recruitment are also available at the POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch Facebook page at www.facebook.com/airbranch or the public can inquire by sending an email at poea_airb_osd@yahoo.com or contact the numbers 8722-1192. ###