

News Release

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POEA extends balik-manggagawa online evaluation

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) advises returning workers or Balik Manggagawa (BM) to take advantage of the BM Online Evaluation for efficient transaction on securing their travel exit clearance or Overseas Employment Certificates (OEC) amid the on-going community quarantine.

In Memorandum Circular No. 02, Series of 2021, the POEA extended indefinitely the implementation of the BM online evaluation that supplements the existing BM Online System.

To use the expanded online evaluation, returning workers with previous online records and who have not completed their online transactions 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 preferred date and 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 OFWs who are returning to the same employer but to a different country, a letter from the employer attesting the transfer of the jobsite must be submitted.

As additional requirements, workers must also submit online a 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, previously issued OEC, and their confirmed itinerary.

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

The list of authorized POEA processing sites and their email address may be accessed at <http://poea.gov.ph/memorandumcirculars/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.

The online evaluation, however, is not 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.

Workers who need immediate assistance on their BM online account may contact the BalikManggagawa Processing Division at bm_retrieval@poea.gov.ph. ###