



## News Release

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# OFWs can still use OECs with validity date that expired during lockdown

Newly-hired and returning OFWs holding overseas employment certificates (OECs) with expired validity date can have their exit clearance revalidated in any Philippine international airport on the day of their flight.

In an advisory, the POEA reiterated that OECs or exit clearances that expired during the community quarantine, lockdowns or travel restrictions in the OFWs' country of destination, and due to unforeseen flight cancelations, shall be revalidated for deployment purposes.

As such, OFWs with expired OECs shall proceed to the POEA Labor Assistance Center (LAC) at the airport on the day of their flight and submit pertinent documents, including the original copy of their expired OEC, copy of employment contract, copy of valid work permit/visa, and their valid passport.

The LAC shall then evaluate and validate the submitted documents if the worker's employment documents had been processed and approved by POEA.

The expired OEC will be stamp "CLEARED" after the revalidation.

Departing OFWS are strongly advised to allocate additional time to process the revalidation of their OEC at the LAC.

For further inquiries on securing OEC, OFWs can contact the POEA Balik-Manggagawa Processing Division by sending them an email at [bmpd@poea.gov.ph](mailto:bmpd@poea.gov.ph).###