

SALARY CUT OF HOUSEHOLD SERVICE WORKERS IN CYPRUS

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The Post has reported that, in its decision dated 11 June 2013, the Cyprus Ministerial Committee for Third Country Nationals imposed a five percent (5%) reduction on the monthly salary of domestic workers in Cyprus.

The gross salary of a domestic worker is now fixed at €460 (approx. US\$623.47**) from the previous €484 (approx. US\$655.99). Further, the net salary per month was reduced from €331 to €314 (approx. US\$425.58). The Ministerial Committee has also decided to terminate the annual automatic wage indexation for domestic workers.

The Post believes that not all Filipino domestic workers in Cyprus will be affected by the reduction in wages since some are actually receiving higher salaries as a result of long (over 5 years) and good working relationships with their employers. However, newly deployed Filipino domestic workers as well as workers previously deployed and in the process of completing their contracts are the ones most likely to be affected by the salary cut.

According to the data provided by the Post, there are around 16,176 Filipinos in Cyprus, 68.11% of whom are temporary migrants and mostly domestic workers.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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