

ISSUANCE OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE (OEC) INDEPENDENT OF OTHER GOVERNMENT FEES

Read online (full-text search, related cases, audio case brief): <https://batas.org/library/30c34682448b/>

Adopted: 25 March 2015

Date Filed: 20 April 2015

Effective April 1, 2015, the Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) or exit clearance will be issued by POEA and its processing centers in Metro Manila to Balik-Manggagawa or vacationing workers separate from PHILHEALTH and PAG-IBIG collections. This means that the issuance of OEC will no longer be tied up with the payment of fees/premiums to the said agencies and the OEC can be secured by Balik-Manggagawa as it is together with OWWA membership.

This collection scheme which has been implemented by processing centers in the regions and in the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs) since last year aims to address the clamor of some OFWs and workers' organizations to separate the payment of other government fees in the issuance of OEC. However, workers are strongly encouraged, for their protection, to continuously update their membership and pay corresponding contributions to PHILHEALTH and PAG-IBIG which are mandatory under existing laws. Direct enrollment and payment to these agencies can be done through their various offices and collection centers.

The same scheme shall be adopted in the case of new hires including agency hired workers starting the same date. Thus, the landbased recruitment agencies are enjoined to coordinate with PHILHEALTH AND PAG-IBIG for the enrollment of their hired workers including payment of corresponding fees.

The concerned POEA offices are hereby instructed to ensure the smooth implementation of this new collection system.

(SGD) HANS LEO J. CACDAC
Administrator

ABOUT BATAS.ORG

Study smarter at BATAS.org

The Philippine bar review and law-school companion built around how your brain actually remembers.

The complete Philippine law library - free for everyone.

More than 100,000 Supreme Court decisions, Republic Acts, and executive issuances - full-text searchable, browsable by category and year, and always free. No paywall, no login. This PDF came from it.

Audio case-brief lectures.

Any decision becomes a podcast-style lecture - facts, issues, ruling, and doctrine - with read-along highlighting and a hands-free presentation mode. Study while commuting, working out, or resting your eyes.

Bar review built on the science of memory.

Complete, sequenced courses for all eight bar subjects, narrated like podcasts and reinforced with retrieval practice and spaced review - the study techniques with the strongest evidence behind them.

The full law-school curriculum.

One subscription unlocks the entire J.D. curriculum - every subject, every lesson, with your progress tracked down to the paragraph so you can pick up exactly where you left off, on any device.

Mock exams that tell you where you stand.

Timed multiple-choice exams graded instantly, with per-subject score breakdowns and focus suggestions that point you at your weakest topics first.

A study planner that keeps you on pace.

Set your schedule and BATAS tells you every day whether you are on track for bar day - and exactly which lesson to take next.

Start free at <https://batas.org>

The law library is free forever - and your first lesson is one click away.

The text of this document is an official public record and remains in the public domain. Formatting, presentation, and compilation © 2026 batas.org.

Downloaded free from the batas.org Law Library. Share it freely - the library is free for every law student, bar reviewee, and practitioner.