

IMPLEMENTING THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE

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Further to Memorandum Circular Nos. 76 and 77 implementing the Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC), the following guidelines are hereby issued to ensure maximum compliance:

1. Indication of OEC number in plane ticket issued in the Philippines - The OEC number shall be reflected in the corresponding plane ticket of every departing contract worker/seafarer. It shall be the responsibility of the placement agency or entity concerned to ensure the accuracy of such information indicated in the ticket in purchases in Manila for the worker/seafarer.
2. Submission of the OEC copy to the Labor Assistance Center (LAC) - Every departing contract worker/seafarer shall submit the second copy of the OEC to the LAC at the airport. The third copy (worker's copy) however shall be retained by the contract worker/seafarer for presentation to the Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) at the departure area.

However in the case of balik-manggagawa (vacationing workers), they shall drop the second of the OEC in a designated drop box in the departure area while the third copy shall be retained for presentation to the CID at the airport.

3. Proceeding on Falsities/Discrepancies - Discrepancy between the number in the OEC actually issued by POEA in favor of a worker/seafarer and the OEC number indicated in the corresponding plane ticket or any other falsity involving OEC shall constitute a defect or deficiency in the travel document of the worker/seafarer concerned which will serve as a basis for the proper authorities to hold his/her departure. Such is without prejudice to any action or proceedings which the Administration may take against the persons or entities who appear to be responsible therefor.

For immediate compliance.

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