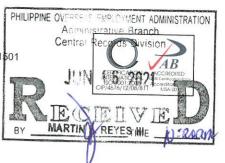


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TO

ALL BALIK MANGGAGAWA (BM) OFWs, BM PROCESSING DIVISION,

EMPLOYMENT BRANCH, REGIONAL OFFICES, REGIONAL EXTENSION UNITS,

SATELLITE OFFICES, OSSCOs, and POLOS

**SUBJECT** 

LAUNCH OF THE NEW BM ONLINE SYSTEM & PROCEDURES TO TRANSFER

**CURRENT BM ACCOUNTS TO THE NEW SYSTEM** 

As part of the Administration's continuous effort to expedite the process of issuing Overseas Employment Certificates (OECs) to Returning Overseas Workers / Balik-Manggagawa (BMs), a new web-based processing system shall be launched and implemented effective 30 June 2021.

This replacement system shall be officially known as the POEA Online Processing System for Balik Manggagawa (POPS-BaM), which incorporated the general functionality of the current BM Online System but now uses in-house developed program and addresses the most pertinent problems/bugs/errors of the old system.

IN VIEW THEREOF, BM Workers are directed to transfer their existing records under the old BM Online System and transfer them to the new POPS-BaM. Procedures for the purpose are prescribed herein as per Annex "A". After 30 June 2021, the old BM Online System shall be decommissioned.

Having an e-Registration Account is imperative, in order to facilitate the transfer for existing BM records.

Once the old records have been successfully transferred, POPS-BaM can generate an OEC Exemption to BM Workers returning to the same employer. If the BM Worker will change employer and/or jobsites, the same shall be directed to set an online appointment in order to document the changes in employment data. The system has a built-in feature in the appointment module that helps those who are unable to proceed to avail an OEC Exemption, for the following concerns:

- 1) Change of employer and/or jobsite;
- Undocumented worker (i.e., status is from tourist to OFW; or dependent to OFW; or 2) student to OFW, etc.);
- Worker or employer is under watchlist; 3)
- 4) OFW is returning to restricted or non-compliant country
- Job position is in the list of Mission Critical Skills 5)

POPS-BaM can be accessed at:

Onlineservices: poea: gov.ph Controlled and disseminated BYCROOM

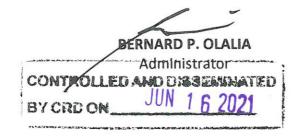
Kindly obey the following rules:

- 1) One (1) OFW, One (1) e-Registration Account only;
- Ensure that you only provide correct/factual information and always check your details before submitting your personal information. Submitted information cannot be manually changed/corrected/edited, such as: Name, Gender, Birthdate, Email Address;
- 3) Request to correct any of the above-mentioned critical personal information shall be done by filing an electronic ticket under the POEA HelpDesk, accessible at: onlineservices.poea.gov.ph;
- 4) Frequent commission of errors/mistake/misdeclarations involving any of the mentioned critical personal information may be construed as misrepresentation and shall subject the concerned BM Worker to legal action;
- 5) You will not be allowed to acquire a new OEC unless it has expired/cancelled or have already been used for deployment, to resume employment overseas;
- 6) OECs have a 60-day validity and can only be used once (1) for the jobsite and employer indicated therein;
- 7) Your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months.

For related inquires and concerns, you may check the new POEA HelpDesk at onlineserivces.poea.gov.ph, or reach the following:

- For documentation requirements and procedures:
  Balik Manggagawa Processing Division
  Tel. Nos.: (02) 8724-6342 or (02) 8721-0785
- For e-Registration concerns
  Employment Branch
  Tel. Nos.: (02) 8722-1173
- For technical concerns
  ICT Branch
  Tel. Nos.: (02) 8727-7778 or (02) 8721-9496

Please be guided accordingly.



## ANNEX "A"

## PROCEDURES IN TRANSITIONING FROM THE OLD BM ONLINE SYSTEM TO THE NEW POPS-BaM

## 1) BM Workers with existing e-Registration Accounts:

Balik Manggagawa Workers with existing e-Registration System accounts shall merely need to log-in on their accounts and update the same. The specific procedures for the purpose are as follows:

- a) Login using your e-Registration Account.
- b) Go to "My Profile" and update your information.
- c) After updating your information, you may now access your "Balik-Manggagawa" Module.

## 2) BM Workers with no existing e-Registration Accounts:

- a) Go to "onlineservices.poea.gov.ph".
- b) On "e-Registration" panel, click "Let's Go!".
- c) Then click "Register".
- d) On "Terms of Use and Privacy Statement" click "Accept the Terms of Use".
- e) Kindly read the "Paalala" section before filling out your registration.
- f) Fill out the registration form. Then submit by clicking "Register".
- g) Temporary Password will be sent to your submitted email address.
- h) Repeat steps 1 and 2. Then on Login, enter your registered email
- i) address. Click "Next". Enter your Temporary Password and Click "Login".
- j) You will be asked to enter a new password. Enter and confirm your new password.
- k) Upon login, Go to "My Profile" and fill out your information, you may now access your "Balik Manggagawa" Module.

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