

POLO Advisory on PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED LANDBASED AND SEABASED FILIPINO WORKERS DUE TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-2019)

“DOLE-AKAP for OFWs”

10 April 2020 – The Philippine Overseas Labor Office wishes to inform the Oversea Filipino Workers who are holders of Working Visas that the Department of Labor and Employment provides a One-Time Financial Assistance for displaced landbased and seabased workers due to Covid19 disease called DOLE-AKAP for OFWs.

Based on the guidelines (link: <https://www.dole.gov.ph/news/department-order-no-212-series-of-2020-prescribing-guidelines-on-the-provision-of-financial-assistance-for-displaced-landbased-and-seabased-filipino-workers-due-to-the-corona-virus-covid-2019-d/>) and in consideration of the circumstances peculiar to Australia, please be guided with the following:

1. Coverage: Regular/Documented/Balik-Manggagawa/Workers who are principal holders of Working Visas:

- a. Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457)
- b. Temporary Skill Shortage visa (subclass 482)
- c. Skilled Regional (provisional) visa (subclass 489)

Note: The ff undocumented workers will be considered on a case to case basis:

- a. Those who were previously regular or documented but for some reason or cause have lost their regular or documented status
- b. Those who are not registered with POEA or whose contracts were not processed by POEA or POLO , but have undertaken actions to regularize their contracts or status
- c. Those who are not registered with POEA or whose contracts were not processed by POEA or POLO, but are active OWWA members at the time of availment

2. Eligibility: Those who have experienced job displacement due to Australia’s imposition of lockdown or community quarantine or having been infected by the corona virus disease and have not received any financial support/assistance from Australian Government or employers.

3. Requirements:

- a. Duly accomplished and signed Application Form (Annex A)
- b. Photocopy of Valid Passport Biopage
- c. Any one (1) proof of overseas employment (e.g. Work Visa, OEC, Valid and POLO Verified Employment Contract)
- d. Proof of loss of employment (e.g. emails, text messages or similar written notifications)

4. Procedure:

- a. Applications and other requirements must be submitted online in observance of social distancing to POLO’s email address poloaustralia@philembassy.org.au. All applications will be subject to evaluation and approval based on meeting the coverage, eligibility and documentary requirements.

- b. Approved applicants will be notified by email for submission of bank details which will be used to transfer the financial assistance together with the accomplished acknowledgement receipt.

Annex A

DEPART OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION
 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED LANDBASED AND SEABASED FILIPINO WORKERS
 AFFECTED BY THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-2019)
“DOLE-AKAP for OFWs”

Please supply all required information. Misrepresentation¹, false statement or fraud in this application or in any supporting document is ground for denial.

A **DATA**

Name of OFW: _____
(Last Name)(First Name) (Middle Name) (Suffix)

Birthdate(mm/dd/yy): ____/____/____ Passport No: _____ Contact No: _____

E-mail Address: _____ FACEBOOK Account: _____

ADDRESS

Street Address: _____ Barangay: _____ City/Municipality: _____

Country of Deployment: _____ OFW LANDBASED SEABASED Category

- Documents Submitted:
- Photocopy of Valid Passport/ Travel Document
 - Airline Ticket **(For those in the Philippines)** Date of Arrival (mm/dd/yy): ____/____/____
 - Proof of Overseas Employment (e.g., Valid Verified Employment Contract, OEC, Work Permit, Visa/Re-entry)
 - Proof of loss of employment on account of COVID-19 (emails, text messages or similar written notification)
 - For **UNDOCUMENTED OFW** - Proof that the OFW is currently involved in an ongoing case (e.g., case reference number, case endorsement stamped by POLO, copy of the decision with English translation, etc.), copies of contract, pay slip, appropriate visa, or other proof of employment.

I hereby certify that the information given herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date of Application

Signature of Applicant

CONSENT

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By applying, you consent to the collection, generation, use, processing, storage and retention of your personal data by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) for the purpose of your application for FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED LANDBASED AND SEABASED FILIPINO WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-2019) **“DOLE-AKAP for OFWs”**. Further, you also authorize DOLE, OWWA and other relevant government agencies to contact you for further verification and validation.

¹Misrepresentation of facts in this application includes fraudulent misrepresentation i.e. false statement that has a negative effect in the evaluation of the application made knowingly, or without belief in its truth, or recklessly whether it is true or false.
