



Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines
Pasuguan ng Republika ng Pilipinas
Islamabad, Pakistan

ANNOUNCEMENT

The public is hereby informed that in response to issues raised by certain members of the Filipino Community in Pakistan, the Embassy has conducted a thorough assessment and verification of the status of the accreditation of Foreign Placement Agencies (FPA) operating in Pakistan, in consultation with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA). This verification process commenced immediately after the consultation meeting called by the Philippine Embassy and attended by the seven (7) FPAs operating in Pakistan on 21 February 2018.

As a consequence of this verification process, the Embassy has temporarily halted the processing of No Objection Certificates (NOC) for applications that are not covered by the ban on direct hiring. The verification process was completed on 6 April 2018. Hence, the processing of NOCs will resume on **Tuesday, 10 April 2018**.

As a result of this verification process, and on the basis of authenticated POEA accreditation data, the following foreign placement agencies (FPAs) are licensed to hire, recruit, and employ workers in Pakistan as follows:

Name of FPA	Contact Details	Type of Workers	Accreditation Details
Alvi Associates	Head Office Lahore: 134-G, 2 nd Floor, Commercial Market Phase 1 Defence Lahore, Cantt Tel. No.: 04235729210 – 35745992 Mobile: 0345-4107740 Karachi Branch Office: 10-c Street No. 9 Mezan Floor Bader Commercial Phase 5 DHA Karachi Tel: 021-5244500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Household Service Workers (HSW)SkilledContract	Accredited per POEA certificates (LB-758, LB-1199, and 98036) to recruit, unless earlier revoked or suspended, as follows: - HSWs until 27 September 2018 - Skilled workers until 12 June 2019 - Its own contract employees until 23 February 2020
Mabuhay Associates	First Floor, Sunset Tower Sunset Boulevard D.H.A., Phase 2 Karachi Tel. No.: 021-35881275 Mobile: 0331-1399708	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HSWSkilled	Accredited per POEA certificates (LB-1342 and LB-363) to recruit, unless earlier revoked or suspended, as follows: - HSWs until 29 September 2020 - Skilled workers until 29 August 2019
Pak Linkers Services	FF-17, Divine One New Airport Road Lahore Tel. No.: 042-35744088 Mobile: 0300-8168987	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HSW	Accredited per POEA certificate 93802/LB-1526 to recruit HSWs until 22 May 2018 unless earlier revoked or suspended
Pak-Phil Manpower Services	187 Street No. 22 D-Block Phase I DHA Lahore Tel. No.: 04235691960 Mobile: 0300-9443373	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HSW	Accredited per POEA certificate LB-150 to recruit HSWs until 4 July 2020 unless earlier revoked or suspended

Trust Associates	18-G 2 nd Floor DHA Phase I MASjid Chowk Near Shell Pump Lahore Tel. No.: 04236605554 Mobile: 0322-5914418	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSW 	Accredited per POEA certificate LB-163 to recruit HSWs until 12 July 2020 unless earlier revoked or suspended
Umer Associates	Islamabad Head Office: Office No. 7 1 st Floor Aaly Plaza Fazal E Haq Road Blue Area, Islamabad Tel. No.: 0512342360 Mobile: 0300-7770000 0333-7770000 Karachi Branch: Umer Associates (ii) House No. C-vi-133 1 st Floor Near Counslar Office Upper Gizri Karachi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSW • Skilled • Contract 	Accredited per POEA certificates (LB-1853, LB- 223, and 94519) to recruit, unless earlier revoked or suspended, as follows: - HSWs until 21 December 2021 - Skilled workers until 01 August 2020 - Its own contract employees until 25 January 2019

The Embassy strongly recommends that prospective and existing Filipino workers only deal with the abovementioned FPAs in the processing of their employment documentation to Pakistan.

The Embassy reiterates that the ban on direct hiring per Section 123 of the POEA's 2016 Revised Rules and Regulations on the Recruitment and Employment of OFWs is still in force. However, some exceptions, as per Section 124 of the said Rules, may be allowed by the Embassy, namely: (*employers who are*) a. members of the diplomatic corps; b. international organizations; and c. heads of state and government officials with the rank of at least deputy minister.

The Embassy likewise reiterates that the processing fee for NOC, which is in fact a combination of three consular services namely; certification, verification and acknowledgement, remains at **Rs. 9,000**. Foreign placement agencies are not allowed to collect placement fees from the workers, as provided under the Rules. Applications for NOC may be submitted by the FPA on behalf of the worker, only upon the submission of a notarized Special Power of Attorney (SPA) executed by the worker for this purpose.

The Embassy seeks your kind understanding and strong support in effectively carrying out its mandate to promote the welfare and ensure the protection of Filipino workers, wherever situated, as guided by existing laws and regulations.

Any related queries, or report of violation of these Rules, may be conveyed to the Embassy through email at islamabad.pe@dfa.gov.ph or isdpe@isb.comsats.net.pk.

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