

PUBLIC ADVISORY

AVAILMENT OF USD 200 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) DISPLACED DUE TO COVID-19

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Berlin is pleased to announce that Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in **Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Russia** may now apply for DOLE-AKAP, a one-time financial assistance of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) amounting to USD 200.00 or its equivalent in Euro, for OFWs displaced from their employment due to the COVID-2019 pandemic.

Coverage and Eligibility

The following landbased and seabased OFWs onsite are qualified to avail of the DOLE-AKAP, to wit:

- a. Regular/documented OFW; or
- b. Qualified undocumented OFW (must be ACTIVE member of OWWA if worker has no legal status in the host country)

The OFW should:

- a. Have experienced job displacement due to COVID-19 starting 01 March 2020;
- b. Have not received or is not entitled to receive financial aid from his/her employer or from the government of the host country; or
- c. Have not received financial assistance from OWWA as a COVID-19 positive OFW .

Documentary Requirements

The following documents shall be submitted thru the online application (<https://forms.gle/vGd3Kwese1fVMDJPA>) for DOLE AKAP:

- a. Filled in online DOLE-AKAP application form;
- b. Copy of valid passport;
- c. Copy of work visa/permit, if documented OFW;
- d. Proof of loss of employment due to COVID-19, e.g. notice of termination or certification from employer (sample/template);

Application Procedure

- Upon receipt of the COMPLETE and CORRECT documents, POLO shall evaluate the application within five (5) working days and notify the applicant about the status of his/her application within five (5) working days following the evaluation.
- Ineligibility of the applicant, misrepresentation of facts in the application, and submission of falsified documents are grounds for denial/disapproval of the application.

Disbursement of Funds

- If the application has been approved, the release of financial assistance shall be through bank transfer or money remittance thru Western Union.

For additional information on the availment of DOLE-AKAP, please refer to the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). You may also contact us at the following WhatsApp numbers should you need further assistance:

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We will be glad to assist you. Keep safe, everyone!

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