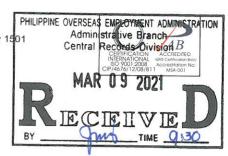


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## Warning on the "Final Notice and Limited Slots for Deployment Scam"

The public is warned of continuing cases of internet scams, mostly email messages, containing "Final Notice and Limited Slots for Deployment," being sent by individuals/entities posing as officers and staff of licensed recruitment agencies in order to entice overseas jobseekers.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has received numerous reports from individuals who have been victimized by entities promising fake overseas employment to prospective applicants. Similar to other online recruitment modus, these internet scams use bogus email addresses and social media accounts to send non-existent job offers. While the information of the supposed licensed recruitment agency may be true, the offered jobs are fake.

These unscrupulous individuals would demand that payments ranging from P3,000 to P5,000 be sent through various payment facilities such as Western Union, RD Pawnshop, Palawan Express, or GCash, in exchange for document processing and slots for online orientation or free training. Any demand for payment outside of the registered address of the licensed recruitment agency is a tell-tale sign of a recruitment scam. POEA warns the public to ignore these advertisements and to refrain from depositing or transferring any amount of money.

Transactions pertaining to overseas job applications should only be conducted within the registered business address of a licensed recruitment agency. The collection of any fee from a worker must always be accompanied by the issuance of an official receipt clearly showing the amount paid and the purpose for which the payment was made.

Overseas job seekers are advised to use the POEA Verification System at the POEA website (<a href="www.poea.gov.ph">www.poea.gov.ph</a>) or email the POEA Information Center at <a href="connect@poea.gov.ph">connect@poea.gov.ph</a> to confirm overseas employment offers. The POEA also encourages overseas jobseekers to be more cautious and to immediately report any suspicious recruitment activities to the Operations and Surveillance Division via email at <a href="mailto:osd@poea.gov.ph">osd@poea.gov.ph</a> or call (02) 8722-1192. Information on avoiding recruitment scams is available at the POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch Facebook Page at <a href="mailto:www.facebook.com/airbranch">www.facebook.com/airbranch</a>.

