

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE : LATEST DIRECTIVE ON HIRING OF HSWs/CAREGIVERS AND OTHER SKILLS**

20 February 2018 - Pending review of the direct hiring policy by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), verification by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) will be undertaken **ONLY** for the following employers who are **EXEMPTED** from the ban on direct hiring:

- a) Members of the diplomatic corps;
- b) International organizations;
- c) Heads of state and government officials with the rank of at least deputy minister.

Furthermore, verification of individual contracts of direct individual employers for household service workers (HSWs), including caregivers has been **HELD IN ABEYANCE** pursuant to a POEA Directive dated 30 January 2018 until such time that the guidelines on the accreditation of direct individual employers for HSWs shall have been issued.

Henceforth, employers who wish to hire HSWs/Caregivers are advised to engage the services of a Foreign Recruitment Agency (FRA) **AND** a Philippine Recruitment Agency (PRA), <http://nebula.wsimg.com/6d635cab9020b79cf033c0e06782198e?AccessKeyId=F258C060F89B6F40A317&disposition=0&alloworigin=1> and <http://www.poea.gov.ph/cgi-bin/agList.asp?mode=actLB>

Employers who wish to hire other skilled workers may opt to likewise engage the services of a Foreign Recruitment Agency (FRA) **AND** a Philippine Recruitment Agency (PRA); **OR**, only that of a PRA <http://www.poea.gov.ph/cgi-bin/agList.asp?mode=actLB>

For further concerns and inquiries, you may get in touch with the POLO Vancouver office through the following:

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