

Procedures for Au Pairs on Holiday/Leave in the Philippines

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Below is part of the response letter of Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) Hon. Jennifer Jardin-Manalili to Ambassador Elizabeth P. Buensuceso's letter concerning the procedures for Au Pairs returning from the Philippines and whose contracts had been approved prior to the lifting of the ban on au pairs bound for Norway:

Please be informed that upon the lifting of the ban for au pairs, we have recently been issuing the Balik-Manggagawa Overseas Employment Certificates (OECs) for AU Pairs on vacation. As of July 19, we have issued OECs to 12 au pairs bound for Norway.

The returning au pairs are documented like other OFWs who have no previous records with us. Apart from the presentation of their passports and return visas, we require them to present their current au pair contracts. The presentation of contract is a must to gather details such as names of their host families, address and contact details, allowance, etc. Photocopies of their visas and contracts are attached to their application form for the issuance of an OEC.

For returning workers, we do not require an authenticated employment contract. Returning au pairs also need not undergo a Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) or present a health certificate.

As au pairs who will be processed and deployed under the new guidelines will have records with us, they just have to present only their passports and return visa to Norway when they come home for vacation.

The abovementioned procedures apply only to au pairs who are on holiday and are returning to Norway to resume their contracts. New contracts will have to follow a different procedure as outlined in a separate **announcement** in this website.

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