

MOEL-HRD Korea
Announcement of Special EPS-TOPIK
(Computer-Based Test)

According to the MOU on the Sending of Workers between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea (MOEL) and Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE), Special EPS-TOPIK for those who voluntarily returned home before within their permitted sojourn period and want to come back for work in Korea will be conducted as follows:

All job seekers who want to work in Korea under the Employment Permit System should pass the EPS-TOPIK, implemented by the Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea) authorized by the MOEL, only those who passed the test are allowed to submit the job application form for EPS.

1. Test Schedule

Registration Period	Announcement of test date	Test Period	Announcement of test result	Age Requirements
Apr 16~19	May 13	May 20 ~	Jun 28	Apr 16, 1975 ~ Apr 16, 1995

** The schedule can be changed according to EPS circumstances and number of applicants.*

1st session (35 persons)

- Orientation: 08:30~09:30, - Test time: 09:30~10:40

2nd session (35 persons)

- Orientation: 10:50~11:50, - Test time: 11:50~13:00

3rd session (35 persons)

- Orientation: 13:50~14:50, - Test time: 14:50~16:00

** All examinees must be in the test room before the orientation time.*

2. Allowed Type of Industry: Manufacturing, etc.

* If an applicant applies for a designated recommendation to his/her last workplace (employer) where he/she had worked more than a year, he/she should select the same industry of the workplace. For this reason, applicants should select the industry carefully considering the mentioned condition.

3. The number of passers: To be announced

The number of passers will be announced later separately in the order of the high scores among the applicants who scored more than 80 points out of 200, regardless of industry.

4. Test Place and Date Announcement

○ Test Place : CBT (Computer Based Test) Examination Room

* Address: 6th Floor POEA, BFO Building, Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City

○ Announcement Method

- website of EPS-TOPIK (<http://www.epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
- the bulletin board and website of POEA (<http://www.poea.gov.ph>)

5. Qualifications(Eligibility)

- Reemployed workers who voluntarily leave within their permitted sojourn period (Time of returning: Not before January 1st, 2010)
- Persons aged between 18 and 38 Persons born between Apr 16, 1975 and Apr 16, 1995
- Persons who have not been convicted of imprisonment or heavier punishment
- Persons who have no record of deportation or departure orders from the Republic of Korea
- Persons who are not restricted from departure of home country

6. Registration Procedure

Period: Apr 16~19, 2013 (For 4 days)

Place: Designated POEA Registration Sites as follows:

National Capital Region and South Luzon

Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC)
North Avenue corner Agham Road
Diliman, Quezon City

North and Central Luzon

POEA Regional Center for Luzon
3rd-4th Floor Shania Bldg.
San Fernando City
La Union

Visayas Regions

POEA Regional Center for Visayas
DOLE Bldg. (Insular) Gorordo corner General Maxilom Avenues,
Cebu City

Mindanao Regions

POEA Regional Center for Mindanao
2nd Floor, AMYA II Bldg.
Quimpo Boulevard corner Tulip Drive
Ecoland, Davao City

- Method: Individual-Visit-Registration
 - Required documents:
 - Copy of passport on their return home (to prove he/she is a voluntary returnee)
 - Application form (Free distribution at the registration place, only to the applicants who paid the test fee)
- ※ Registration numbers are written on each application form, and one applicant can receive and submit one application form. If there is any error in an application form, please correct it with correction fluid or tape and submit it.

- A copy of passport (or ID card)
- ※ A copy of passport (or ID card) is required to be attached on the application form
- ※ It is preferable to attach a copy of passport (or ID card) written in English (especially name)
- 2 photographs of 3.5 cm x 4.5 cm (taken within 6 months)

○ **Test fee: 24 USD (Php984)**

- ※ If an applicant who has avoidable reasons cancels his/her registration during the registration period, the applicant can get full refund. (However, re-application after cancellation is not allowed)
- Registration will be made in the order of receipt, and if the applicants overly applied an additional test date will be decided and the test will be conducted accordingly. Its date also will be announced on the announcement date of the designated test venue and date for each applicant.

7. Test Summary

Question Structure	Number of questions	Total score	Time given
R/C	25	100	40 mins.
L/C	25	100	30 mins.
TOTAL	50	200	70 mins

- All of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on “The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK”.
- Test Structure and Allotment of Scores and passing standard.
 - Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).
 - R/C and L/C will be implemented continuously without a break.
- Items to prepare on the test day.
 - Admission Ticket

- Passport (or ID card)

※ All applicants are required to bring his/her passport (ID card) of which is the same with the one posted on his/her application form.

※ No applicant is allowed to take the test without passport (or ID card).

8. Announcement of Test Result

○ Announcement Date: **Jun 28, 2013**

○ Announcement Method

- Bulletin board of the POEA Central and Regional Offices
- Website of the POEA (<http://www.poea.gov.ph>)
- Website of the Employment Permit System(<http://www.eps.go.kr>)
- Website of the EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)

○ Validity period of test result is 2 years (effective on the date of result)

9. Other Information

○ If an applicant is confirmed as a non-voluntary returnee, his/her test result will be considered invalid even if he/she passes the test and the applicant should take full responsibility on that.

○ Those who pass the test will benefit from a shortened re-entry procedures including faster job registration and placement, and exemption from pre-departure training.

○ On the test day, mobile phones, cassette players, PDA, MP3 player, electronic dictionaries, and other electronic devices which can possibly be used in cheating during the test are highly prohibited.

○ Test will be void, and examinees will NOT be eligible for taking the test for 2 years in case of cheating during the test.

○ If an applicant's personal information on the passport is not exactly the same as the one on the application form (name, date of birth, and gender), their registration to the EPS job seekers' roster and entry to Korea is not permitted in any case, and the applicant is fully responsible for any problem caused by the differences in their personal information.

♦ Passing the special EPS-TOPIK only guarantees the qualification for job application for EPS, and does not guarantee the employment in Korea.

♦ Moreover, persons who are restricted from the employment in Korea, such as those who do not pass the medical examination or who have the record of illegal stay in Korea, cannot be employed in Korea.

♦ According to MOU between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea and Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE), only Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has the legal authority to send Filipino workers to the Republic of Korea. Only the job seekers who passed the EPS-TOPIK and registered on the roster by POEA can be hired by Korean Employers. Involvement of any other private sector in the procedure for sending workforce is strictly prohibited.

♦ It costs 24 USD (or same amount in local currency which is written above) for an applicant to take Special EPS-TOPIK and only the certain amount of money noticed officially as a sending cost by POEA during the registration period of a job application form will cost you for entering Korea under the EPS.

Besides, except POEA, any other agency or person is not allowed to be related to employment procedures of EPS. For this reason, all applicants should be aware of this fact and protect themselves from any damages or losses caused by anyone or any other unscrupulous persons making a false proposal related to recommendation or employment in Korea under the EPS.

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