

Notification

The Fifth Employment Permit System-Korean Language Test (EPS-KLT)

According to the M.O.U (Memorandums of Understanding on the sending of workers to the Republic of Korea) between the Ministry of Labor of Korea and the Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines, anyone wishing to work in Korea should apply for the EPS-KLT. Those who pass the test can make applications for a job under the Employment Permit System. The International Korean Language Foundation (IKLF) executes the Fifth Employment Permit System-Korean Language Test (EPS-KLT) as follows:

- ▶ **Test date:** May 6th (Sunday), 2007
- ▶ **Test duration:** 2:00 P.M. ~ 3:30 P.M.
- ※ An applicant should arrive at a test room by 1:00 p.m., for instructions on the test procedure.

▶ Test domains and relevant details

| Test Domain | Number of Questions | Total Score | Time |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|--------|
| Listening | 25 | 100 | 40 min |
| Reading | 25 | 100 | 50 min |
| Total | 50 | 200 | 90 min |

- ※ There is no interval between the listening and the reading test. In order to pass, the applicant must get at least 40 points in either test domain, and the total score of two domains must be at least 120 points.

- ▶ **Test venue:** to be announced
(on the POEA's website and the IKLF's website 5 days in advance of the test date)

▶ Eligibility for the EPS-KLT

- applicants aging from 18 to 39(inclusive);
- applicants who have not been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment or a more severe punishment;
- applicants who have no record of deportation or departure orders from the Republic of Korea;
- applicants who are not restricted from departure from the Philippines.

► **Application details**

1) Application period

- **April 2nd, 2007 ~ April 20th, 2007**

(No official business on holidays and weekends)

2) Application sites

- Luzon
 - Occupational Safety and Health Center (of DOLE)
North Avenue corner Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila
- Visayas
 - POEA Regional center
Mezzanie Floor, LDM Bldg.
M.J. Cuenco Avenue corner Legaspi St., Cebu City
- Mindanao
 - POEA Regional center
2nd Floor, AMYA 2 Bldg. (fronting SM Davao)
R. Quimpo Boulevard corner Tulip Drive, Matina, Davao City

3) Ceiling on the number of applicants

- 10,000: male 9,000; female 1,000

※ **Applicants will be considered on a “first-come, first-served” basis**

| | Manila (for Luzon) | Cebu (for Visayas) | Davao (for Mindanao) | Subtotal | Total |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|--------|
| Male | 9,000 | | | 9,000 | 10,000 |
| Female | 500 | 250 | 250 | 1,000 | |

4) Options for the Applicant

- An applicant can apply to the three application sites above either individually or as part of a group.

► **Other requirements for EPS-KLT**

- 1) **EPS-KLT Application Form**
- 2) **Identification card (along with a copy of passport)**
- 3) **3 Photographs (4.5cm X 3.5cm)**
- 4) **Medical checkup**

※ An applicant who does not include his/her medical checkup in the application period must submit it later.

▶ **Examination Fee**

- US\$30 or its equivalent in peso

▶ **Requirements for admission to the test room**

- admission card (for the test), passport, and pen

※ An applicant's passport is acceptable, but driver's license, ID for public service, student ID etc. are not valid for test room admission.

▶ **Announcement of successful candidacy**

1) Date: May 25th, 2007 (Friday)

2) Official announcement sites

- IKLF's website (<http://www.glokorean.org>)
- POEA's website (<http://www.poea.gov.ph>)

▶ **Validity of the certificate**

The certificate is valid for two years from the test date.

▶ **Further information**

- The IKLF shall send an applicant's test results to the POEA central office within
- three weeks of the test date. An EPS-KLT certificate is available upon his/her visit
- to the POEA central (Mandaluyong) office or its regional (Cebu/Davao) office.
- An applicant should not carry mobile phones (or any illegal items) during the test.
- An applicant caught cheating in the test will be disqualified and cannot re-apply for
- the test for the following two years.
- In case an applicant loses his/her admission ticket, the testing center can reissue it
- only if he/she presents an acceptable ID or passport.

◆ Passing the EPS-KLT does not guarantee an applicant's complete employment in Korea. It indicates only that he/she is entitled to be on the roster of job seekers.

◆ If an applicant either fails a physical checkup or has previous record of illegal foreign work, he/she will be disqualified.

The EPS-KLT is supervised by:

- The Ministry of Labor of the Republic of Korea

The EPS-KLT is administered by:

- The International Korean Language Foundation

The EPS-KLT is supported by:

- Philippine Overseas Employment Administration