

Announcement of Special EPS-TOPIK (FOR RETURNEE WORKERS ONLY)

According to the MOU on the Sending of Workers between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea (MOEL) and and Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE), Special EPS-TOPIK for those who voluntarily returned home 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, and only those who passed the test are allowed to submit the job application form for EPS.

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Held by: Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea

Implemented by: Human Resources Development Service of Korea

cooperated by: Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines
and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

1. Test Schedule

Registration Period	Announcement of test date	Test Period	Announcement of test result	Age Requirements
March 19 ~ 21	April 8	April 29 ~	May 20	March 20, 1980~ March 19, 2001

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

2. (Allowed) Type of Industry: Manufacturing

* If an applicant wants to be applied for a designated recommendation to his/her last workplace (employer) where he/she had worked more than a year 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 95 points out of 200, regardless of industry.
- Expected number of passers can be changed according to the circumstances of EPS.

4. Test Place and Date Announcement

- **Test Place: CBT (Computer Based Test) Test Venue**

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

- **Announcement of the Test date : April 8, 2019**

- **Announcement Method**

- Website of EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
- Website of POEA (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),
- ※The qualified list to be able to take the test will be attached with announcement. Please refer to the attachment.
- Persons aged between 18 to 38
 - * Persons born between March 20, 1980 and March 19, 2001
- 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
- Persons who don't have total 5 years or longer duration of sojourn with E-9 and E-10 VISA in Korea

* In case of returning to his/her country before amendments of Immigration Control law (Nov 2017), a person can be on the available applicants list even though he/she had stayed for 5 years or more in Korea. In that case, however, it is impossible for the person to apply because of lack of qualification for the test

6. Registration Procedure

- **Period : March 19~ March 21, 2019 (For 3 days)**
- **Place : LOBBY ~ POEA, BFO Building, Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City**
- **Method: Individual-Visit-Registration**
- Required documents :
 - **Copy of passport on their returning home** (for proving 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, 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 3 months, **Only White Background**)
 - ※ If one cannot be identified with ID card, he/she will not be able to take the test.
- **Test fee: 1,256 Php (24 USD)**
 - ※ If an applicant who has unavoidable reasons cancels his/her registration during 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.
- Benefits for participating HRD Korea Resettlement support training programs

Year	Resettlement support training programs(Maximum 25 points)		
	TOPIK Level 3 Course(Maximum 20 points)		Job Skill Training for employment / Starting business (Maximum 5 points)
	Completion	People who have TOPIK Level 3 or higher	Completion
2016	-	Extra Points (20 points)	Extra Points (5 points)
After 2017	Extra Points (5 points) Exemption of test fee	Exemption of test fee	Exemption of test fee

- ※ If you have completed a resettlement support program in Korea, submit application form and certificate (refer to Attachment)
- ※ Those who have TOPIK 3 Level or higher must submit not only its certificate but also a certificate of Korean education process

7. Test Summary : April 29, 2019 ~

○ Test Structure & Criteria

Question Structure	Number of questions	Total score	Time given
R/C	20	100	25 mins.
L/C	20	100	25 mins.
TOTAL	40	200	50 mins.

○ Test Duration

Test session	Test faculty meeting	Orientation for test takers	Duration	
			Reading(25min)	Listening(25min)
1 st session	09:20~09:30	09:30~10:00	10:00~10:25	10:25~10:50
2 nd session	10:50~11:00	11:00~11:30	11:30~11:55	11:55~12:20
3 rd session	13:20~13:30	13:30~14:00	14:00~14:25	14:25~14:50
4 th session	14:50~15:00	15:00~15:30	15:30~15:55	15:55~16:20

- * All examinees must be in the test room before the orientation time
- All of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on “The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK”. (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
- 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
 - ※ All applicants are required to bring his/her passport of which is the same with the one posted on his/her application form.
 - ※ No applicant is allowed to take the test without passport.

8. Announcement of Test Result

- Announcement Date : **May 20, 2019**
- 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 announcement)

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 3 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), the 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.
 - For improvement of Proficiency in Korean, all of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on "The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK".
- "The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK" has been uploaded on the webpage as follows and applicants can download it for free.

<the list of webpage you can download the Standard Textbook>

Section	Contents	Address of webpage
Homepage of HRD Korea	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	http://www.hrdkorea.or.kr/3/3/3/1/2
Homepage of EPS-TOPIK	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr

- ◆ 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 or who do not meet the criteria for E-9 visa, cannot be employed in Korea.
- ◆ If the drug test results are positive after entering Korea, you can be returned to your country

- ◆ 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 the 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.

【Attachment】

Application for Test fee Exemption and Additional point from resettlement training, education

<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's Oath			
I solemnly swear that I will take full legal responsibilities for any falsified resettlement training, education documents submitted for registering EPS-TOPIK.			
※ <u>If the applicant's document is proven to be falsified, the test result will be invalidated and the person will not be able to take any EPS-TOPIK for 3 years</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicants to fill in			
Name		Registration No.	
Date of birth		Passport No.	
Gender		Contact no.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Resettlement Support Training *			
Mark (●) for eligible			
Korean education process (Maximum 20 points)	• Those who completed Korean education process 〈Not available for those who completed in 2016〉 (○)		
	• Those who completed TOPIK Level 3 or higher after completion of the Korean education process (○)		
Vocational training for employment & Start-up (Maximum 5 points)	• Those who completed vocational training for employment & Start-up (○)		
20__ / __ / __ (YYYY/MM/DD)			
Name: _____ (Signature)			
President of HRD Korea			