



LIMITED EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR FOREIGN NURSES IN AUSTRIA

In a recent report by the Philippine Embassy in Austria, Philippine Ambassador Linglingay Lacanlale met with Maria Rauch-Kallat, Austrian Minister for Health and Women in Vienna in early April of this year to discuss, among others, employment prospects for Filipino nurses in Austria.

The Minister reportedly explained that as a matter of policy, Austria now accords preferential treatment to professionals from within the EU and the EU's acceding countries citing the EU's services regime and its policy of support for Eastern European. And since Austria has already addressed the manpower gaps in its healthcare services industry, recruitment at the levels seen during the 1970s-1990s will be unlikely. Opportunities will be on a much-limited scale, i.e., Austria will no longer recruit nurses in groups or batches. Instead, staffing decisions shall be left to the individual hospitals, based on their own personnel recruitments. In these cases, the usual requirements, including professional certification and German-language proficiency, will still apply.

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