

Please be reminded that:

- There is a **BAN (restriction) on direct hire** (*pursuant to DOLE Administrative Order No. 196, ser. Of 2018 in relation to Article 18 of the Labor Code of the Philippines (ban on direct hiring), Republic Act 10022, and the Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Landbased Overseas Filipino Workers of 2016*)
[POEA Memorandum Circular No. 08, Series of 2018](#)
- Hiring thru the direct hire is only limited to Members of the Diplomatic Corps; International Organizations; and Heads of State and Government Officials with the rank of at least Deputy Minister
- Other employers/companies may apply for exemption from the ban which will be subjected to POLO's evaluation and subsequent recommendation for POEA's approval.
- **Small/medium-sized companies** that are already well-established may be allowed to apply for exemption (*should already be in full operation for at least 1 year, the job position offered should not be new*) (*sole-proprietors are not allowed*).
- **Big companies/corporations** that are likely to hire more Filipino workers are strictly advised to hire via agency.

COMPANY SELF-ASSESSMENT

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE PRESENT:

- The Job Category/Position is strictly Highly skilled/Professional (*Managerial, Supervisory, Technical Level e.g. Engineer, Teacher, etc.*)
- The compensation package/benefits should be over and above the minimum required by POEA (*e.g. High salary and with other benefits, allowances etc.*)
- The person to be hired must be at least college graduate and has adequate expertise/knowledge and work experience related to the job (*with good credentials*)

✓ *If you passed the above self-assessment, proceed to the next page.*

✗ *If you failed the above self-assessment, go back to polotokyo.dole.gov.ph, you are not qualified to apply for exemption and therefore required to go thru the regular way of hiring Filipino Workers which is by partnering with a Philippine Recruitment Agency (PRA).*

VERIFICATION PROCEDURE

STEP 1: Submit complete documentary requirements to POLO Tokyo either personally or through post mail. (5-15-5 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-8537 Philippine Embassy, Philippine Overseas Labor Office). Use A4 size paper only. Do not staple the documents, you may only use paper clip. Company details in the letterpack should be written in romaji/English. Attach a return letter pack (JP), or filled-up chakubarai (sagawa).

STEP 2: POLO Tokyo Processing Officer to evaluate the documents and its contents. If found incomplete/lacking **or if not qualified to apply for exemption**, the Processing Officer shall return the documents to the Employer/Principal. The evaluation period usually takes 7 working days (excluding weekends/holidays) which may extend depending on the volume of application polo receives. Companies/employers can only follow-up if no notice/feed-back was received after 7 working days.

STEP 3: Interview with the Labor Attaché. If there are items for correction/revisions after the interview, POLO Tokyo shall return the documents to the Employer/Principal for correction/revision. If complete, proceed to the next step. 1. POLO's interview will be conducted in English. The interviewee may bring a translator/interpreter provided he/she is not an employee of the prospective Philippine Recruitment Agency partner to avoid conflict of interest. Likewise, brokers and immigration lawyers are not allowed to transact in behalf of the employer/principal, whether for inquiries, follow-up and/or interpretation.

STEP 4: Issuance of Verified Documents. POLO Tokyo shall release the original verified documents to the Employer/Principal.

STEP 5: Employer to apply for Certificate of Eligibility (COE) at the Japanese Immigration Bureau.

STEP 6: Employer to send the original verified documents and the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the worker in the Philippines.

STEP 7: The worker to acquire Japanese visa at the Japanese Embassy in the Philippines.

STEP 8: The worker will submit the original verified documents and copy of visa to POEA for final approval and issuance of POEA clearance and lastly the OEC.

Important Reminders:

1. Effective immediately, applicants for Direct Hire of Highly-Skilled/Professional Filipino workers shall apply for POLO Tokyo evaluation and verification before applying for the Certificate of Eligibility at the Japanese Immigration Bureau.
2. Direct Hiring of Professional/Highly Skilled workers is allowed for maximum of five (5) workers per principal/employer.
3. All documents found to be incomplete shall be returned to the Employer/Principal for compliance. Upon resubmission of corrected/revised document, it will be considered as a new application and shall line up again.
4. POLO Tokyo **does not recognize third-party entities (brokers, immigration lawyers, or anyone not directly connected with the company)** when inquiring, submitting and follow-up of necessary documents.

- * The documents should be arranged/organized in the following order
- * Use A4 size paper only, ALL details must be ENCODED/TYPED-WRITTEN
- * Embassy authentication (red ribbon) is **not required**

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS		REMARKS
A. EMPLOYMENT DETAILS:		Put check here if complied
1 POLO Application Form	Use POLO-SKILLED-Application Form 01	
2 ORIGINAL Employment Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With ORIGINAL signatures of the Employee and Employer - Probationary period not allowed - Contains all POEA mandatory provisions (use POLO-SKILLED-DirectHire-Form01-2019v1) If the company has a standard contract, make sure to incorporate all POEA mandatory provisions. - If the contract is signed by someone who is not the Company President/CEO. Submit Authorization Letter (SPA) signed by the Company President giving signing authority to the person who signed the contract. 	
3 Life and insurance coverage	Use POLO-SKILLED-DirectHire-Form 02-2019v1	
4 Salary Scheme	Indicating the Basic Monthly Salary; Approximate Deductions; Take Home/Net Pay and Other Benefits as may be applicable (use POLO-SKILLED-Form01-2019v1)	
5 List of Duties & Responsibilities of the worker	Actual work assignment of the worker (use POLO-SKILLED-Form 02-2019v1)	
6 List of Criteria/Qualifications Required for the position	For example, academic requirement, skills/expertise needed, number of work experience needed, age requirement, etc. (use POLO-SKILLED-Form 02-2019v1)	
B. EMPLOYEE DETAILS:		
7 Passport Copy of the Employee	Must be colored copy	
8 Copy of the CV/resume of the Employee	Must be signed by the employee	
9 Copy of College Diploma	Must be colored and a certified-true-copy	
10 Copy of employment certificates issued to the employee from his/her previous employers	Must be colored copy	
C. COMPANY DETAILS:		
11 Company Registration (Tokibo Tohoun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ORIGINAL must be submitted (Japanese) - English Translation must bear the name, signature and/or inkan of the translator. 	
12 Company Brochure/Pamphlets/Flyers		
13 Company Profile	Use the POLO-SKILLED-Form 03-2019v1 (if details in the guide are already included in the company brochure then there's no need to make company profile)	
14 Passport Copy (or any valid government-issued ID) of the Employer - If the contract is not signed by the Company President, provide passport copy of both the Company President and the Person who signed the contract	<p>Must be colored copy</p> <p>Copy of Residence Card is required for non-Japanese Company Representative</p>	