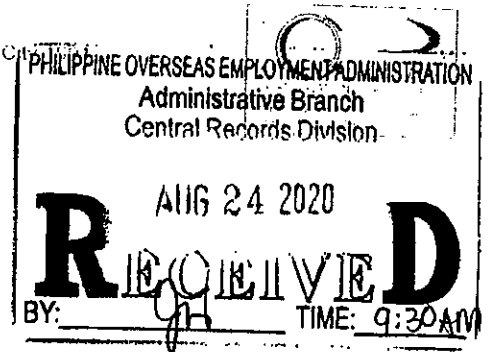




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**Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) Required Approval
for Resident Visa Holders Entering Dubai**

The Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced that residents outside the UAE who have valid residency visas issued from the Emirate of Dubai **must obtain pre-approval** from the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs - Dubai (GDRFA) before proceeding with travel procedures to Dubai Airport. The resident has to apply for an approval at the GDFRA website:

https://smart.gdrfad.gov.ac/Smart_OTCServicesPortal/ReturnPermitServiceForm.aspx

Once a resident receives a "green message" from ICA, he/she is ready to purchase a ticket. If a resident receives a "red message", he/she may have to defer travel plans for up to 60 days.

Prior to return to the Emirates of Dubai, residents must take a mandatory PCR test through accredited testing laboratory in the Philippines for a period not exceeding 96 hours prior to departure. The negative PCR test result should be presented to the airlines upon check-in. Another PCR test will be conducted upon arrival in UAE. Dubai residents are advised to download the DXB Smart App for health and safety purposes.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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POLO Abu Dhabi communication dated 20 August 2020

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