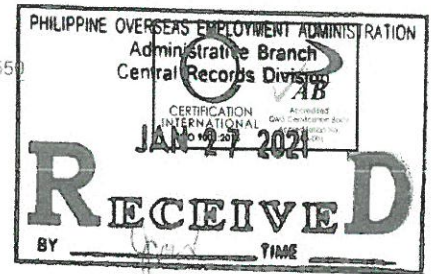




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**Philippines Added to the List of Countries  
Eligible to Participate in the H-2B Program of the United States of America for 2021**

The public is hereby advised that on 12 January 2021, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in consultation with the Department of State (DOS), announced the list of countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B visa programs for the year 2021. The notice listing the eligible countries was published in the Federal Register on 13 January 2021.

The H-2B nonimmigrant program permits employers to temporarily hire non-immigrants to perform non-agricultural labor or services in the United States.

The DHS maintains its authority to add countries to the eligible countries list at any time, and to remove any country at the time it publishes a new list, should DHS and DOS determine that a country fails to meet the requirements for continued designation. Examples of factors that could result in the exclusion of a country or the removal of a country from the list include fraud, abuse, denial rates, overstay rates, human trafficking concerns, and other forms of noncompliance with the terms and conditions of the H-2 visa programs by nationals of that country that are contrary to U.S. interest.

The designation of the Philippines as eligible participant to the H-2B program is valid, subject to removal for failure to meet the requirements for continued designation, from 19 January 2021 until 18 January 2022.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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