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**Philippines Added to England's Red List and Ireland's Category 2 Entry Restrictions /
New Travel Restrictions and Quarantine Regulations for OFWs**

The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) announces that the Philippines will be included to England's Red List or the list of countries where entry in its jurisdiction is prohibited, effective 4:00 a.m., 09 April 2021.

Only the following groups will be permitted to enter UK, but must stay in a government-approved hotel quarantine for 10 days:

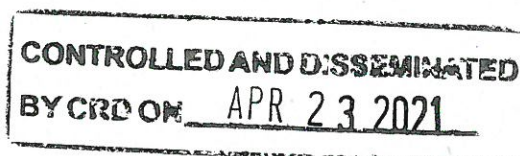
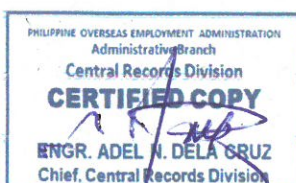
- 1) British and Irish citizens;
- 2) 3rd country nationals with residence rights in the UK; and
- 3) Travelers with residence rights in the UK, including holders of work permit or work visa, such as Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).

The following should be observed by OFWs who were allowed entry into the UK:

- 1) Before travelling to the UK, an OFW should:
 - have COVID-19 negative result, taken 3 days before the travel;
 - book in a hotel approved by the UK government as a quarantine facility through a booking portal (<https://quarantinehotelbookings.ctmportal.co.uk/>). The quarantine package costing £1,750 per head covers transport from airport to the booked hotel, food, accommodation and COVID-19 tests on day 2 and 8 of quarantine; and
 - complete a Passenger Locator Form (PLF) where details on the date of arrival, hotel where one will stay, including its booking reference should be indicated.

With respect to hotel booking, the UK government has established a help and support line that may be contacted through Tel No. +44 1274 726424 or Email North.hotels@travelctm.com.

- 2) Upon arrival in the UK, OFWs should observe the following regulations:
 - comply with the UK's standard COVID-19 restrictions and protocols that include the 10-day mandatory hotel quarantine;
 - can only leave the quarantine hotel upon receiving a negative test result from day 8 test and have quarantined for full 10 days from the date of the arrival. The actual date of arrival in the UK will be treated as day 0;



- OFWs who tested positive or develop symptoms on day 9 and 10 despite a negative test result on day 8 will need to have a further test and should extend their quarantine for another 10 days.
- For hotel quarantine guidelines, please visit the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/booking-and-staying-in-a-quarantine-hotel-when-you-arrive-in-england>

The following are the penalties for violating the new UK regulations:

- 1) A penalty of £4,000 shall be imposed upon anyone will fail to arrange a hotel booking/quarantine package, and will be made to pay for the quarantine package on arrival;
- 2) One could be fined up to £10,000 or imprisoned up to 10 years, or both for not providing accurate details about the countries he/she has visited in the 10 days prior to arrival in the UK; and
- 3) A penalty of £10,000 for anyone who will break the quarantine rules.

Ireland, on the other hand, announces that the Philippines will be included under "Category 2" effective 06 April 2021. Any traveler who has been in the Philippines for the last 14 days, even if only transiting, are required to pre-book advance accommodation for mandatory hotel quarantine at least 48 hours in advance of travel. This applies even if the passenger receives a negative RT-PCR test result after arriving in the State.

The following link lists down the exemptions from mandatory quarantine:


gov.ie - Travelling to Ireland during the COVID-19 pandemic (www.gov.ie)

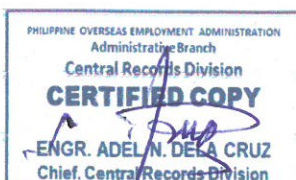
These arrangements also apply to any passenger who is travelling on to Northern Ireland.

For the list of designated facilities for mandatory hotel quarantine in Ireland, please visit the following site: gov.ie - Designated facilities for mandatory hotel quarantine (www.gov.ie)

The costs of quarantine that cover accommodation, food and COVID-19 tests, among others, shall be on the account of the workers' respective deploying licensed Philippine recruitment agencies or principals/employers as provided in POEA Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2021.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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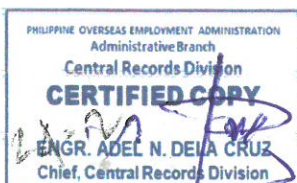
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