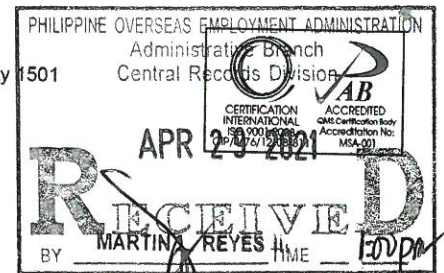




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**PASSPORT TURN-OVER OF OFFLOADED OFWS
DURING COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**

Passports of deferred departure or offloaded Overseas Filipino Workers who failed to pass through the Bureau of Immigration (BI) due to incomplete or spurious documents, or are possible victims of illegal recruitment or trafficking in persons, are endorsed by the BI to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) thru the POEA Labor Assistance Center (LAC) at the airports for further investigation. The POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch will examine the BI and LAC's report together with the passport and other pertinent documents for possible violations of the Migrant Workers Act, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, and/or the 2016 POEA Rules and Regulations.

After the conduct of investigation, per the IACAT Revised Guidelines on Departure Formalities for International-Bound Passengers, the passports will be turned over to the DFA Office of Consular Affairs located at ASEANA Business Park, Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Blvd. cor. Bradco Ave., Brgy. Tambo, Paranaque City.

The POEA advises offloaded OFWs to inquire first via email at osd@poea.gov.ph as to the status of investigation and the turn-over of their passports to DFA-Aseana. Once passport turn-over is confirmed, OFWs may contact the DFA-Aseana through their email address oca.concerns@dfa.gov.ph for inquiries on the return of passports.

With the prevailing community quarantine measures, the DFA Office of Consular Affairs at the DFA-Aseana will only attend to emergency/urgent cases. Offloaded OFWs whose passports have already been turned-over to DFA are advised to contact DFA-Aseana to set an appointment to claim their passports.¹

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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¹ <https://consular.dfa.gov.ph/advisories/356-public-advisory-on-rescheduled-appointments-for-authentication-applicants-due-to-mecqon-rescheduled-appointments-for-authentication-applicants-due-to-mecq>

