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Migrant Workers Office
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As part of the office's continuing effort to improve its service delivery, the public is advised on the implementation of the following steps/procedure relative to the accreditation and verification of employment documents effective 01 February 2026.

CONTRACT VERIFICATION FOR RETURNING WORKERS/BALIK-MANGGAGAWA

1. Workers who already acquired an OEC on their initial deployment and have not changed employers will be notified through their Online Services account on the exemption from OEC. In this case, you no longer need to go to MWO or DMW for an appointment.
2. For workers who are **not registered with the DMW** (*including open work permit holders/ post-graduate work permit holders*); workers who **changed employers in Canada**; and for workers who were **hired or recruited from third countries and whose employment contracts were not verified** by MWO, workers are required to have their employment contracts verified by MWO as a requirement to get their OEC in the Philippines.
3. The checklist of requirement is available through: **bit.ly/mwoBM2026**
4. The worker may submit the documents in two (2) ways:
 - a) **In-person.** Make an appointment through bit.ly/mwoappt2025, and bring the copies of the required documents in two (2) sets to MWO Vancouver (Suite 602, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC V6C 3E1) on the date and time of appointment. If found complete and correct, the verified documents will be issued by the MWO within the same date.
 - b) **By postage or mail.** Register your submission through bit.ly/mwobmmail. Send the copies of the required documents in two (2) sets to MWO Vancouver (Suite 602, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC V6C 3E1) together with the payment for the verification fee and a pre-paid return envelope. If the documents are found incomplete or with deficiency, the worker will be notified by email. If the documents are complete and correct, MWO Vancouver will send the verified employment documents back to the worker by mail after 3-5 working days upon receipt.
5. The verified contract will be presented by the worker to the DMW when getting an OEC in the Philippines.
6. Important reminder: The Balik-Manggagawa worker is advised to transact directly with the MWO without the need for third party or fee-charging entity. The MWO reserves the right to decline receipt of documents for processing from a third party.

For information and guidance.

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