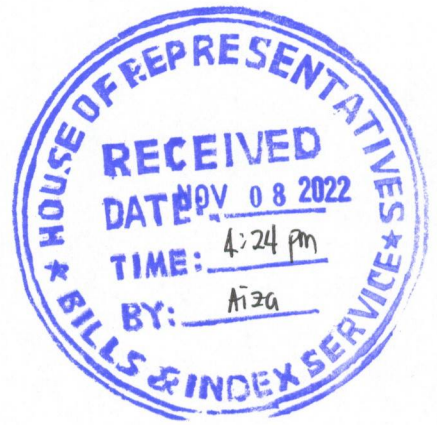


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In recognition to the countless contributions of our returning Overseas Filipino Workers, the Department of Labor and Employment Reintegration Services was introduced to facilitate the productive return of the OFWs upon completion of overseas employment, such as job referral program who wishes to work back in the country.

However, for purposes of employment in the government service, the Constitution prescribes competitive examinations as one of the principal means of determining merit and fitness.

This bill therefore, seeks to grant Civil Service Eligibility and TESDA National Certificate to our returning Overseas Filipino Workers who at least rendered an accumulated 10 years of overseas employment for possible opportunity and involvement in community and national undertakings.

Our OFWs are one of the world's most devoted workers with truly admirable qualities, the immediate absorption of these highly skilled and dedicated workforce in the public service will assure their participation in public affairs and raise the quality of the public civil service.

This is also in recognition of the prior learning situation as they are better able to connect theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY AND NATIONAL
CERTIFICATE TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Title. This act shall be known as Overseas Filipino Workers Eligibility Act.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The State recognizes the significant contribution of OFWs to the national economy through their foreign exchange remittances. In this regard, the State shall harness its human resources and consider giving OFWs equal opportunity to security of tenure, humane conditions of work and a living wage.

Section 3. Eligibility. Overseas Filipino Workers who at least worked overseas for a period of accumulated ten (10) years are hereby conferred appropriate Civil Service eligibilities and National Certificates, as follows:

Second Grade	
Civil Service Eligibility	For scientific, technical, and professional positions requiring at least four years of college work
First Grade	
Civil Service Eligibility	For clerical, custodial, and trade position requiring less than four years of college studies
TESDA	
National Certificate (NC)	For individual who have satisfactorily demonstrated competence on a particular or cluster of units of competency.

Section 4. Rules and Regulations. The Civil Service Commission and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Decree.

Section 5. Separability Clause. Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.