

**[ OWWA MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS NO.  
004 SERIES OF 1996, February 29, 1996 ]**

**REVISING MOI No. 124 SERIES OF 1991 AND PROVIDING  
ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THEREOF**

**I.**

**NATURE**

The Disability Assistance Program shall be in monetary form to be granted to overseas contract workers (OCWs), seabased, who sustain work-related disabilities, illnesses and injuries. In cases of emergency treatment, this monetary benefits maybe given in the form of medical service assistance subject to the limits provided in the schedule of impediment.

**II.**

**COVERAGE**

The program shall cover OCWs who suffer work related injuries, illnesses and disabilities during employment overseas, the symptoms of which appear even during termination of employment, but not to exceed six (6) months from the date of arrival provided that the claimant has not obtained local employment at the time of application for assistance. And provided further that the application is received by OWWA with in seven (7) months from the date of arrival. However, those OCWs who are covered by OWWA's Insurance Program shall not be entitled under this program.

**III.**

**ENTITLEMENT**

Overseas contract workers who have at least one recorded OWWA contribution shall be entitled to the monetary assistance which can be availed of during employment or within seven (7) months from the date of arrival. Successive availments for the same illness or injury shall be allowed only when there is prior re-evaluation of the OCW by OWWA's accredited physician and that the total amount of monetary assistance shall not exceed P10,000.00.

**IV.**

**SCHEDULE OF DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

The amount of disability assistance shall be based on the following schedule of impediment grade, the injuries and the illness of which are defined and covered by such impediment grade:

Impediment Grade	Amount
1-A	P10,000.00
1-B	8,000.00
1-C	7,000.00
1-D	6,000.00
2-3	5,000.00
4-5	4,000.00
6-7	3,500.00
8-9	3,000.00
10-14	2,500.00
15-A	2,000.00
15-B	1,500.00

## **V.**

### **GENERAL POLICIES**

#### **A. Application Requirements:**

1. Qualified overseas contract workers (OCWs) are required to submit duly accomplished disability assistance application forms in two (2) copies to the following:

- a. NCR Social Benefits Division for applicants who are residing within Metro Manila;
- b. Nearest Regional OWWA Units for applicants who are residing outside of Metro Manila.

2. All documents to be presented by the OCW applicant shall be in its original copy duly signed by the concerned applicant. However, if the OCW applicant is verified to be fully disabled, a thumbmark on the application form duly countersigned by the legal and immediate family members shall suffice.

The documentary requirements to be submitted are:

a. Authenticated copy of Medical Case History and/or medical certificate issued by the attending doctor in which both document shall be duly validated by OWWA's accredited physician.

b. Verified machine copy of the Passport/Seamen's Service Record Book with POEA stamp.

c. Any of the following:

- Certified true copy of employment contract processed and approved by POEA
- Recent OWWA Certificate of Membership/OWWA ID
- Overseas Employment Certificate

d. In the event that OCW claimant is physically and/or mentally unable to personally