

**[ POEA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 52, June 16, 1992 ]**

**REPATRIATION BOND FOR ALL LAND-BASED REHIRED AND RECONTRACTED WORKERS**

Pursuant to Department Order No. 28, Series of 1991 and in compliance with the memorandum of the Acting Secretary of Labor and Employment dated 08 May 1992 requiring the posting of repatriation bond by all re-hired or re-contracted land-based overseas contract workers (OCWs) as a pre-requisite for processing of employment documents and re-exit clearances by the POEA, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

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**General Statement**

The provision of this Memorandum Circular shall apply to all the following classification of OCWs with an employment contract duration of at least six (6) months under the following classifications:

1. vacationing land-based OCWs who have been re-hired or re-contracted by their employers and are returning to the same country of employment;
2. vacationing land-based OCWs who have been re-hired or re-contracted by employers other than their previous employers provided the country of employment remains the same;
3. land-based OCWs who are on emergency leave and have not previously posted a repatriation bond or whose previous bond has expired;
4. land-based OCWs who have not been previously documented by the POEA but qualify as re-hired or re-contracted OCW.

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**Exemptions**

The provisions of this Memorandum Circular shall not apply to the following classifications:

1. Seafarers;
2. Land-based OCWs who are on mid-contract leave provided the repatriation bond remains valid and in effect.

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**Amount of Coverage**

The amount shall guarantee the reimbursement of the actual costs of repatriation including air fare from the jobsite and other reasonable expenses connected therewith. The bond coverage shall in no case exceed P20,000.00. However, for specific countries like Japan, Hongkong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, India the Trust Territories and other similar areas where return airfares does not exceed P10,000.00, the coverage shall be at least P10,000.00.

## **D**

### **Standard Premium Rate and Payment**

The posting of the repatriation bond shall be provided by/purchased out of the personal funds of the worker and shall be in addition to the payment of the processing fee for Balik-Manggagawa for the issuance of the Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC).

The premium of the repatriation bond shall be a maximum of 1.75% per annum of P350.00 per year exclusive of tax and notarial fee for a P20,000.00 cover as established by the Insurance Commission.

The Premium shall be paid at the repatriation bond center established for this purpose. A corresponding proof of payment and copy of the repatriation bond shall be issued to the worker.

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### **Functions of the Repatriation Bond Center**

1. To accept premium payments and issue corresponding receipt therefore and individual certificates of cover. The certificate shall be prepared in three copies distributed as follows:

|            |   |                       |
|------------|---|-----------------------|
| original   | - | POEA                  |
| duplicate  | - | worker                |
| triplicate | - | Administering Company |

2. To keep a computerized central file of all the names of worker who posted repatriation bonds and the validity of their bonds;

3. To submit reports on the number of repatriation bonds issued per week and number of insurance claims filed and settled per month to the POEA and the monthly list of covered OCWs to the Central Records Division of the POEA and the OWWA.

4. To settle any and all claims within fifteen (15) working days after submission of all required documents.

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### **Effectivity of the Bond**

The effectivity of the bond and/or certificate of Coverage shall commence upon departure of the worker and shall be extended worldwide for the duration of the