







Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Migrant Workers  
**OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION**

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration works for the protection and promotion of the well-being of the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their families in job sites abroad and at home in the country. The agency has a twin mandate of strengthening and expanding the package of services for member-OFWs and their dependents as well as ensuring capital build-up and fund viability.

With a membership fee of USD25.00 valid for 2 years, an OWWA-member OFW may avail the following benefits and services:

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### I. SOCIAL BENEFITS

- A. Disability and Dismemberment Benefits.** A member is entitled to disability/dismemberment benefit of up to PHP100,000.00 for injuries sustained due to accident while working abroad.
- B. Death Benefit.** A PHP100,000.00 benefit in case of death due to natural cause and PHP200,000.00 in case of death due to accident.
- C. Burial Benefit.** On top of the death benefit, a rider assistance of PHP20,000.00 will be received by the legal heirs for the funeral expenses.

### II. EDUCATION & TRAINING ASSISTANCE

- A. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DEPENDENTS**
- 1. Education for Development Scholarship Program (EDSP)**
- Scholarship grant offered to qualified dependents of active OWWA members who intend to pursue a 4-5 year baccalaureate course in preferred colleges/universities.
  - Financial assistance of PHP60,000.00 per school year.
- 2. OFW Dependents Scholarship Program (OFWDSP)**
- Educational assistance of PHP20,000.00 per year to qualified dependent of an active OWWA member-OFW whose salary is not more than USD 600.00.

### 3. Education and Livelihood Assistance Program (ELAP)

- Educational assistance for survivors of a deceased OFWs consisting of PHP5,000.00 for elementary, PHP8,000.00 for high school and PHP10,000.00 for college per school year and livelihood assistance amounting to PHP15,000.00 is given to the surviving spouse.
- B. SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR OFWS AND DEPENDENTS**
- 1. Seafarer's Upgrading Program (SUP)**
- Scholarships for attendance to short-term upgrading courses for seafarers. First availment consists of PHP7,500.00 training assistance. Availment in another training course every after three (3) recorded membership contribution.
- 2. Skills-for-Employment Scholarship Program (SESP)**
- Scholarships for attendance to short-term training program consisting of a maximum of PHP14,500.00 per course leading to a completion of a vocational or technical course in any TESDA-accredited school.

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### 3. Information Technology (IT) Training Program

This computer literacy program provides OFWs and their families training and access to technology intended to bridge the communication gap between the OFW and his/her family and allow them to communicate with each other through the Internet. The program also aims to upgrade their IT skills.

### A. Reintegration Preparedness (On-Site)

- includes training on value formation, financial literacy, entrepreneurial development training, and techno-skills and capacity building trainings.

### B. Reintegration (In-Country)

-consisting of job referrals (local and overseas), business counseling, community organizing, financial literacy seminar, networking with support institutions, and social preparation, implemented by OWWA Regional Welfare Offices.

#### 1. Balik Pinas! Balik Hanapbuhay! Program

A package of livelihood support/assistance intended to provide immediate relief to distressed/displaced member-OFWs. Financial assistance of up to PHP20,000.00 as start-up or additional capital for the livelihood project.

#### 2. Overseas Filipino Workers-Loan Program (OFW-EDLP)

An enterprise development intervention and loan facility of OWWA in partnership with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) & Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) with business loans amounting to PHP100,000.00 up to a maximum of PHP 2 million for individual borrowers and up to a maximum of PHP 5 million for group borrowers.

### III. WORKERS WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### A. On-Site Assistance and Services

- Assistance on OFWs' whereabouts
- Psycho-social counseling
- Mediation/conciliation with employer
- Airport assistance
- Hospital/prison/work camp visitations
- Legal assistance to OFWs who wish to pursue labor/welfare case against their employer in the host country

#### B. In-Country

- Requests from families and next-of-kin (NOKs) for assistance from OWWA overseas posts
- Post-repatriation assistance
- Counseling, referral, and other concerns.

*Requests for assistance from NOKs or from OFWs may be channeled through the OWWA 24/7 Operation Center.*

### IV. REPATRIATION PROGRAM

Repatriation includes bringing distressed OFWs back to the country or bringing back of human remains. Emergency repatriation is carried out in the event of any political unrest or natural calamities.

### V. REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

Reintegration is a way of mainstreaming returning OFWs into Philippine society.



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