

**[ DOLE DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 79-07, February 16, 2007 ]**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL REINTEGRATION CENTER  
FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS**

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Republic Act 8042, otherwise known as the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, specifically its Section 17 which prescribes the establishment of a Replacement and Monitoring Center, and to Executive Order 446, dated 12 July 2005, authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to oversee and coordinate the implementation of various initiatives for the welfare of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to enable them to productively rejoin the mainstream of and to contribute to the development of the Philippine Society, a National Reintegration Center for OFWs is hereby established within the DOLE family to further enhance and strengthen the existing reintegration programs for OFWs and their families to ensure the greatest benefits to our OFWs from the fruits of their work overseas.

**Nature of the Center**

The National Reintegration Center for OFWs, hereinafter referred to as the Reintegration Center, shall be a "One Stop Center" of Department of Labor and Employment reintegration services for OFWs and their families. It shall also be a "Service Networking Hub" to coordinate and facilitate the delivery of services by cooperating stakeholders/ service providers to address the multi-faceted reintegration needs of OFWs and their families, including the development of their communities.

**Policy Objective:**

The Reintegration Center shall develop, implement, and evolve progressive and responsive reintegration programs for OFWs and their families, which shall likewise be attuned to their communities needs, so as to maximize the benefits of migration for development.

**Functions of the Reintegration Center**

The Reintegration Center shall, among others, undertake the following:

1. Develop, implement, and evolve a program that will effectively facilitate the personal reintegration of OFWs, by building on the wealth of experiences of the Family Circles and by providing easier access to the various programs and services of DOLE agencies and a network of cooperating stakeholders/service providers;

2. Develop, implement, and evolve a program of Community Reintegration that will encourage OFW to contribute to community development, with the end in view, among others, of replacing the feared “brain drain” effect of migration with a “brain gain movement”;
3. Develop, implement, and evolve a program that will promote the economic reintegration of OFWs to improve their socio-economic well-being and secure their future;
4. Develop, utilize, and continuously upgrade computer-based information system in support of the Reintegration Center’s programs; and
5. Develop, implement, and continuously refine information campaigns via multi-media to attract OFWs and their families toward the programs and services of the Reintegration Center.

### **Basic Services at the Reintegration Center**

To carry out its objectives, the Reintegration Center shall through the “Assistance Desk” initially provide the following basic services:

1. Face to face and on-line responses to queries regarding the services of the Reintegration Center and its network of cooperating stakeholder/service providers;
2. Evaluation of requests for assistance, their channeling to appropriate service provider/s, and facilitation or actual delivery of effective services, such as:
  - 2.1 Job Search Assistance for local or overseas employment;
  - 2.2 Assistance for entrepreneurship and enterprise development;
  - 2.3 Training and re-tooling assistance;
  - 2.4 Psycho-social services;
  - 2.5 Facilitating participation in Brain Gain Movement Initiatives;
  - 2.6 Linking OFW Assistance to LGUs and Communities;
  - 2.7 Introduction to Special Retirement Program;
  - 2.8 Information on Special Remittance Package;
  - 2.9 Information on Investment Portfolios and their providers; and
  - 2.10 Organization of Advocacy and Information Program for specific groups of OFWs preferably leading to formation of Family Circles.

### **Organizational Structure**