

BENEFITS & SERVICES

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration is mandated to protect the interest and promote the welfare of the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their dependents. It provides benefits, which are over and above the provisions of the employment contract. With a membership fee of GBP 23.00, which is renewable every 2 years, an OFW-member is entitled to the following benefits and services:

SOCIAL BENEFITS

- **Disability and Dismemberment Benefit**
 - Up to a maximum of Php 100,000.00 for accident-related injuries
- **Death Benefit**
 - Php 100,000.00 for natural cause
 - Php 200,000.00 for accidental cause
- **Burial Benefit**
 - Php 20,000.00

For more information, please visit <http://owwa.gov.ph/programs-services/social-benefits>

EDUCATION AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE

- 1. Education for Development Scholarship Program (EDSP)**
 - Scholarship grant offered to qualified dependents of active OWWA members who intend to pursue a 4 or 5- year baccalaureate course in any preferred college or university
 - Financial Assistance of Php 60,000.00 per school year provided to the scholar
- 2. Congressional Migrant Workers Scholarship Program (CMWSP)**

- Scholarship grant extended to deserving migrant workers or their immediate descendants who intend to pursue a 4 or 5 – year course in the field of Science and Technology. It was created by virtue of R.A. 8042, otherwise known as the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995.
- Educational assistance is Php 60,000.00 per school year
- The qualifying examination is administered by the Department of Science and Technology.

3. OFW Dependent Scholarship Program (OFWDSP)

- Educational Assistance of Php 20,000.00 per school year to qualified dependent of active OWWA members whose salary is not more than \$400.00

4. Education and Livelihood Assistance Program (ELAP)

- Education / Livelihood assistance for dependents of deceased OFW-member whose OWWA membership was active at the time of death
- Financial assistance to qualified dependent:
 - Elementary - Php 5,000.00/school year
 - High School - Php 8,000.00/school year
 - College - Php 10,000.00/school year

- Livelihood Assistance

The surviving spouse shall receive Php 15,000.00 worth of livelihood package

5. Skills for Employment Scholarship Program (SESP)

- Provides technical and vocational training assistance up to a maximum of Php 14,500.00 per course to qualified active OFW-member or his dependent at any accredited TESDA training center.

6. Seafarers Upgrading Program

- Training assistance for short-term courses up to a maximum of Php 7,500.00/course

7. Information Technology Training Program

- Provides OFW-members training and access to technology intended to bridge the communication gap between the OFW and family members through the internet

For more information, please visit <http://owwa.gov.ph/programs-services/education-training>

WORKERS WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Counselling / Crisis Management Services
- Conciliation/mediation Services
- Hospital/Prison/Worksite visits
- Legal Assistance to OFW-members who wish to pursue a case against his/her employer

REPATRIATION PROGRAM

- **Facilitates the immediate return of the following workers to the Philippines:**
 - Distressed / Physically ill OFW-members
 - Human remains of OFW-members
 - Emergency repatriation of OFWs in the event of natural/man-made disasters

- **Repatriated OFWs are accorded the following assistance upon arrival in the Philippines:**
 - Airport Assistance
 - Temporary Shelter
 - Psychosocial Counselling / Stress de-briefing sessions
 - Medical / Hospital Assistance
 - Transport Service / Assistance
 - Financial Assistance

For more information, please visit <http://owwa.gov.ph/programs-services/reintegration>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL CALAMITIES

- Cash assistance to victims of natural calamities (P3000.00 for active OWWA members and P1,500.00 for non-victims).

MEDPLUS PROGRAM

- Cash assistance of P 50,000.00 provided to active OWWA members with dreaded diseases.

REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

- Balik-Pinas, Balik-Hanapbuhay (livelihood assistance of P 20,000.00 to distressed / displaced repatriated OFWs.
- Values formation training
- Financial Literacy / Financial Health Awareness
- Entrepreneurship Development Training
- Skills Acquisition/Enhancement
- Job referrals (local and overseas)
- Enterprise Development and Loan Program (provision of technical assistance and business loan from Php 100,000.00 to a maximum of Php 2,000,000.00 for individual borrowers and up to a maximum of Php 5,000,000.00 for group borrowers.

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COUNSELLING SERVICES

The Labor Section provides counseling services on employment-related matters, such as, but not limited to the following:

- Contractual rights and obligations
- Terms and conditions of employment
- Recruitment and deployment
- Work permit, visa and work-related immigration issues
- OWWA membership benefits
- Issuance of Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC)
- Family welfare concerns
- Reintegration
- Others