

**MOEL – HRD Korea**  
**Announcement of Test of Proficiency in Korean (EPS-TOPIK)**

According to the MOU on the Sending of Workers between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea (MOEL) and Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE), **the 9th Test of Proficiency in Korean (EPS-TOPIK) in Philippines** is to be conducted as follows.

All job seekers who want to work in Korea under the Employment Permit System should pass the EPS-TOPIK, implemented by the Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea) authorized by the MOEL, and only those who passed the test are allowed to submit the job application form for EPS.

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**Held by:** Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea (MOEL)

**Implemented by:** Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea)

**In cooperation with:** Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE)  
and Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA)

- Test Date and Time:** August 11, 2013 (Sunday)
  - 10:30~11:40 (Session 1), 15:00~16:10 (Session 2)
  - All examinees must be in the designated test room until the designated time (09:30 for the session 1, 14:00 for the session 2 ) for the orientation.
- Available Type of Industry:** Manufacturing
  - All applicants of 9<sup>th</sup> EPS-TOPIK can only choose ‘Manufacturing’, for selection of the type of industry. Choice of other type of industry is not allowed.
- The Expected Number of Examinees:** 2,800 persons
  - Expected number of passers can be changed according to the circumstances of EPS.
- Test Venue:** Test venues will be announced on July 19, 2013 on POEA website  
( [www.poea.gov.ph](http://www.poea.gov.ph) )
- Qualifications for EPS-TOPIK Registration**
  - Must be between 18 and 38 years of age (Born between July 2, 1975 and July 1, 1995)

- Female applicants are restricted to register this time due to slow demand.
- Must not have any record of conviction or imprisonment for a heinous crime
- Must have no record of deportation or departure orders from the Republic of Korea
- Must not be restricted from departure from the Philippines

**Registration Procedure**

- Period: July 2 (Tuesday) to July 5 (Fri.), 2013 (For 4 days)

- Registration Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

A Daily Schedule based on Alphabetical Order of Family Name or Last Name to follow.

- Registration Region: Metro Manila, La Union, Cebu and Davao

- ✘ Registration venue per Region will be announced later on POEA website.

- ✘ Applicant must register only in the registration venue *where he/she wants to take the test*.

- *Registration Method: Personal appearance*

- Required Documents

- EPS-TOPIK Registration Application form (To be distributed at the registration venue)

- ✘ Application numbers are written on each application form. Each applicant receives and submits one application form only, use correction tape in correcting errors.

- Valid passport or valid SSS UMID (a copy must be attached on application form)

- ✘ If an applicant's personal information on the passport is not exactly the same as the one on the application form, their entry to Korea will not be permitted in any case, and the applicant is fully responsible for any problem caused by the differences in their personal information.

- ✘ We will use the personal information (name, date of birth, and gender) written on the application form and the applicant's photo attached on the application form for their future employment in Korea, and these are not changeable in any case.

- 2 pcs. passport size (pictures taken within 3 months)

- Test fee: peso equivalent to USD24

- ✘ No refund will be entertained after registration period. (However, re-application after cancellation is not allowed.)

**Test Details:**

○ Test Structure and Scores

Question Structure	Number of Questions	Total Score	Time Given
Reading	25	100	40 min.
Listening	25	100	30 min.
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>70 min.</b>

○ All of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on “The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK”.

○ Test Structure and Allotment of Scores and passing standard.

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).

- R/C and L/C will be implemented continuously without a break.

○ Passing standard: Passers (for each industry) will be selected based on the test result (from the top scorer) among those who scored more than 80 points (Full score: 200 points)

Items to prepare on the test day

- Admission Ticket (which is issued during registration)

- Passport or SSS UMID card (must bring the same passport or ID card submitted during the registration)

※ No applicant is allowed to take the test without passport or ID card and Test Permit

- Felt tip pen or ballpen (only black ink)

※ Except the above mentioned pen, marking an answer sheet with other pens (pencil or blue color ballpen etc.) can be regarded as wrong answer.

※ One (1) answer sheet will be distributed to each applicant only once and any replacement or correction is not allowed. Besides, correction of answers on the answer sheet with correction fluid or tape can be regarded as wrong answer.

**Announcement of Test Result**

○ **Announcement Date:** August 23 (Friday), 2013

○ **Method of Announcement of Passers:**

- Internet website of DOLE: [www.dole.gov.ph](http://www.dole.gov.ph)

- Internet website of POEA: [www.poea.gov.ph](http://www.poea.gov.ph)

- Internet website of EPS Korea: [www.eps.go.kr](http://www.eps.go.kr)

- Internet website of EPS-TOPIK : <http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>

○ **Method of Announcement of Test result**

- Home Page of the Employment Permit System (<http://www.eps.go.kr>)

○ **Period of Validity of test score (for passers):** 2 years from the date of test result announcement

**Other Information**

- On the test day, mobile phones, cassette players, PDA, MP3 player, electronic dictionaries, and other electronic devices which are possibly used in cheating during the test are highly prohibited for applicants to bring to the test venue. If the examinee has or use them in the test venue, he/she will be regarded as cheater.
- Test will be void, and examinees will NOT be eligible for taking the EPS-TOPIK for 2 years, in case of cheating during the test.
- If an applicant's personal information on the passport is not exactly the same as the one on the application form (name, date of birth, and gender), their registration to the EPS job seekers' roster and entry to Korea is not permitted in any case, and the applicant is fully responsible for any problem caused by the differences in their personal information.
- For improvement of Proficiency in Korean, all of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on "The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK".  
"The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK" has been uploaded on the webpage as follows and applicants can download it for free.

**<the list of webpage you can download the Standard Textbook>**

Section	Contents	Address of webpage
Homepage of HRD Korea	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	<a href="http://www.hrdkorea.or.kr/3/3/3/1/2">http://www.hrdkorea.or.kr/3/3/3/1/2</a>
Homepage of EPS-TOPIK	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	<a href="http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr">http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr</a>

Note that there is a webpage for a computer-based practice of EPS-TOPIK:

※ URL: [epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr](http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr) → English homepage → Experience

- ◆ Passing the EPS-TOPIK only guarantees the qualification for job application for EPS, and does not guarantee the employment in Korea.
- ◆ Moreover, persons who are restricted from the employment in Korea, such as those who do not pass the medical examination or who have the record of illegal stay in Korea, cannot be employed in Korea.

- ◆ According to MOU between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea and the Department of Labor and Employment of the Philippines (DOLE), only Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has the legal authority to send Filipino workers to the Republic of Korea. Only the job seekers who passed the EPS-TOPIK and registered on the roster by POEA can be hired by Korean Employers. Involvement of any other private sector in the procedure for sending workforce is strictly prohibited.
- ◆ It costs USD24 (or peso equivalent amount) for an applicant to take EPS-TOPIK and only the certain amount of money noticed officially as a sending cost by POEA during the registration period of a job application form will cost you for entering Korea under the EPS. Besides, except POEA, any other agency or person is not allowed to be related to employment procedures of EPS. For this reason, all applicants should be aware of this fact and protect themselves from any damages or losses caused by anyone or any other unscrupulous persons making a false proposal related to recommendation or employment in Korea under the EPS.