



PRESS RELEASE

RESERVATION & REGISTRATION (R&R) ONLINE SYSTEM FOR PDOS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN CFO - MANILA

EFFECTIVE 17 August 2015, Monday, all Filipinos who hold an immigrant visa must reserve and register on-line **before** attending the **PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION SEMINAR (PDOS)** and the **PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM (PCP)** conducted by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) in Manila. This may be done through the **RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION (R&R) ONLINE SYSTEM** which is accessible via CFO's website at the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (www.cfo.gov.ph) or using this link: https://cfo.ph/PDOS_Reservation/.

Each PDOS will accommodate 70 attendees per session while each Peer counseling session will take in 25 youth emigrants. The **R&R PDOS on-line system** will automatically close the on-line reservation/registration when all allocated slots for the specific country are taken.

Only clients who present a **confirmed reservation slot and who have accomplished the on-line registration form, with the corresponding barcode reference number**, will be admitted to the PDOS and/or Peer Counseling Program. This document, together with all the appropriate requirements, should indicate the confirmed date and time of PDOS or Peer Counseling Program as it was completed on the on-line registration.

Individuals who are unable to appear on their scheduled seminar date will be required **to reserve on-line again. However, the completed on-line registration form with a barcoded reference number will be kept active for one month and can still be used for the new reservation.**

Aside from complying with the documentary requirements in their registration, **emigrants between the ages of 20-59** are required to attend the PDOS which is country-specific and aims to equip Filipino emigrants with vital knowledge that may ease their integration into their new host country. The PDOS is a comprehensive two-hour seminar conducted by CFO for Filipino emigrants to address their adjustment concerns in their destination countries.

In these seminars, various topics are discussed such as travel regulations, immigration procedures, cultural differences between home and host countries,

settlement concerns, finding employment, securing healthcare benefits, qualifying for citizenship, social security concerns and rights and obligations of Filipino migrants.

Please refer to the daily PDOS schedules corresponding to the destination countries for your ready reference:

Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar Schedule for Filipino Emigrants (effective 16 July 2012) (CFO Manila)		
Country	Day	Time
United States of America	Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays <i>(70 slots everyday)</i>	10:00 am - 12:00 nn
	Tuesdays and Fridays <i>(70 slots everyday)</i>	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Canada	Monday to Friday <i>(70 slots everyday)</i>	9:30 am - 12:00 nn
Europe	Tuesdays and Fridays <i>(70 slots everyday)</i>	10:00 am - 12:00 nn
Australia and New Zealand	Tuesdays and Fridays <i>(70 slots everyday)</i>	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Japan and other Asian countries	Mondays and Thursdays <i>(70 slots everyday)</i>	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

For emigrants between the ages of 13-19, two Peer Counselling sessions are held daily. The procedure for attendance to the Peer Counseling Program will be the same as that of the PDOS which will require the emigrant to first reserve and register on-line **before** attending the program. This acknowledges the importance of preparing adolescent members of emigrant families for their new life abroad. The session aims to discuss subjects relevant to their personal experiences such as culture shock, adjustment to foreign school systems and homesickness.

Hereunder are the schedules for Peer Counselling for your ready reference.

Schedule of Peer Counseling Sessions for Filipino Youth Emigrants (13-19 Years Old) (CFO Manila)		
Destination Country	Day	Time
All Countries	Monday to Friday <i>(25 slots per session)*</i>	9:30 am - 12:00 nn 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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Please note that after attending the PDOS or the Peer Counseling Program, **a CFO registration sticker will be affixed to the emigrant's passport, without which an emigrant will not be allowed to depart** at the airport by the Bureau of Immigration personnel.

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