Employers' Awareness Campaign "For Domestic Workers"

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Section (1):

Approved Recruitment Offices



Approved Recruitment Offices

What are Recruitment Offices?



They are offices that have a license and permit to engage in recruitment activities, issued by the Ministry of Human Resources & Emiratisation and other relevant entities in the country.

List of Approved Offices:



Employers can find approved recruitment offices through the following link: www.mohre. gov.ae/assets/3f978a0c/domestic-workers-services-centers-30-05ar.aspx the code to download the file.

Advantages:

- Various recruitment packages designated for the needs of family members.
- Recruitment prices determined by the Ministry.
- Two-year warranty on domestic workers.
- Trained domestic workers with awareness of the country's customs and traditions.



Section (2):

Recruitment Packages



Recruitment Packages

Traditional Package:



Recruiting a domestic worker who is listed on the employer's record and resides with them during the contract period, for two years.

Temporary Package:



Providing a domestic worker registered with a labor recruitment office to work for the employer for a contract period of two years.

Flexible Package:



Providing a domestic worker registered with a recruitment office to work on a flexible basis (hours, days, week, month, six months, year)



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Section (3): Obligations and Duties



Recruitment Office Obligations



Bearing the expenses of returning the domestic worker to their home country and providing another one, or refunding the recruitment amount to the employer, in accordance with decisions issued by the Ministry.



Performing the necessary medical examinations for the domestic worker, within 30 days prior to his/her entry into the country.



Providing suitable accommodation for the domestic worker, whether before he/she is provided to the employer or if the employer returns him/her to the recruitment office.

Refunding the recruitment amount to the employer

The recruitment office shall be obliged to refund the recruitment amount to the employer according to the mechanism mentioned below:

- The domestic worker is professionally and behaviorally incompetent during the probation period.
- The domestic worker terminates the contract or leaves work without a legitimate reason.
- Termination of the contract by the employer for failure to meet the conditions agreed at the time of recruitment, whether in the initial agreement or the contract concluded between the employer and the recruitment office.
- Lack of physical fitness to perform the required domestic service during the probationary period.



Concluding a contract between the recruitment office and the employer according to the form approved by the Ministry.



Rendering the domestic worker aware of and familiar with the country's customs and traditions and the channels authorized to hear their complaints.



Refunding any amounts owed to the employer, within two weeks if the domestic worker is returned or a report of their absence is filed.



To learn more



Mechanism for Calculating the Refund of the Recruitment Amount to the Employer

The recruitment office shall be obliged to refund the recruitment amount to the employer according to the mechanism mentioned below:

- Refunding the recruitment amount in full to the employer within the first month.
- Refunding the recruitment amount in full if the domestic worker is medically unfit, during the 6-month "probation period", plus the government fees.
- Refunding a portion of the recruitment amount after the first month and until the contract expires, according to the mechanism mentioned below.

Calculation mechanism:

Total recruitment cost ÷ the period of the worker's employment contract in months (x) the remaining period of the worker's employment contract

Example: (12,000) Recruitment amount ÷ (24 months) Contract duration x (10 months) the remaining period of the contract = AED 5,000 the amount to be refunded to the employer.

Employer Obligations



Payment of the domestic worker's wages specified in the employment contract, in accordance with the regulations set by the Ministry.



Providing the necessary requirements for the performance of the agreed work and arranging a suitable place for the domestic worker's accommodation.



Payment of amounts owed to the recruitment office, plus the necessary government fees.



Bearing the medical treatment costs for the domestic worker, according to the country's regulations.



To learn more



Employer's Obligations

Wages

All employers shall pay the wages of their domestic workers on the due date, through the Ministry's Wage Protection System. The domestic worker's wage shall be due from the first day of the month until the 10th of the same month.

The following professions shall be paid through the Wage Protection System for domestic workers on an optional basis:

- Falconer
- Private Driver User
- Worker
- Shepherd
- Housekeeper
- Farmer
- Gardener

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- Carjockey Nanny
- Horse trainer
 Chef
 - Guard

The following professions shall be paid through the Wage Protection System for domestic workers:

- Private Trainer
- Private Teacher
- Home Caregiver
- Private Representative
- Private Agricultural Engineer

The following workers are exempt from the Wage Protection System procedures:

- A domestic worker who has a labor complaint being considered before the judiciary and is not employed with the employer.
- A domestic worker against whom a work absence report has been filed.
- A new domestic worker within (30) days from his/her employment contract start date.

For more details on the Wage Protection System, please visit the link below: www.mohre.gov.ae/ar/faq.aspx?category=IV1



Employer's Obligations

Annual Leaves



When traveling during his/her annual leave, a domestic worker is entitled to a return ticket once every two years.

A domestic worker shall be entitled to a cash allowance of the wage of his/her annual leave received upon termination of the contractual relationship.



A worker shall be entitled to an annual leave of no less than of 30 days for each year of service; two days per month if the length of service exceeds 6 months and is less than 1 year.

Example of Calculating the Annual Leave

- Employment period of more than 6 months and less than a year = 2 days per month. Employment period (8 months) x 2 = 16 days of basic salary.
- Employment period of one year = 30 days per year. Employment period of one year = 30 days of basic salary.
- Employment period of more than one year = 2.5 days per month. Employment period of 14 months x 2.5 = 35 days of basic salary.

The domestic worker shall be entitled to annual leave in coordination with the employer.

Section (4):

Service-Related Systems



Domestic Worker Insurance

The scheme provides insurance for all financial dues of domestic workers, including unpaid wages, under an insurance policy covering the domestic workers' dues in the event that the employer refrains from paying them, up to a maximum of AED 20,000, for a period of 30 months. This policy also covers the costs of repatriating the domestic worker's body. The employer shall procure an insurance policy for all workers to ensure their financial dues, as a prerequisite for issuing a work permit.



To learn more, please visit the following link: www.dubins-wpp.ae/ar/domestic-workers



Health Insurance for Domestic Workers

The Ministry of Human Resources & Emiratisation, in cooperation with the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs & Ports Security, and the Ministry of Health and Prevention, in coordination with several insurance companies, has launched a basic health insurance package for private sector employees and domestic workers, with competitive prices and a nominal treatment cost, providing a convenient option for employers to insure their employees accordingly.



To learn more, please visit the following link: www.mohre.gov.ae/ar/media-center/awareness-and-guidance/health-insurance-scheme.aspx

Section (5):

Services

Employer Services for Domestic Workers

The Ministry of Human Resources & Emiratisation provides all services related to domestic workers.

To learn more and obtain domestic worker services, please visit the Ministry's website: www.mohre.gov.ae/ar/services.aspx



Employer's Way to Apply for a New Domestic Worker's Work Permit



Employer

Visiting Domestic Worker Recruitment Offices



Choosing a Domestic Worker

Applying for a new domestic worker's work permit

Meeting all service requirements



Applying for an Emirates ID for the domestic worker.



Employers can apply for a new domestic worker's work permit (new entry permit) through:

- Domestic Worker Recruitment Centers.
- MOHRE Smart App.
- Domestic Worker Services on the Ministry's Website.
- Tawseel

Service Requirements:

- A copy of the employer's valid passport.
- A copy of the employer's valid Emirates ID.
- A copy of the domestic worker's valid passport.
- A colored photo of the domestic worker.

Applying for a medical examination for the domestic worker.

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Completing residence permit procedures the domestic worker.





Consequences of recruitment by unauthorized entities

How to File a Complaint Against Recruitment Offices with the Ministry of Human Resources & Emiratisation:

In the event of a dispute or disagreement between the employer and the recruitment office, which cannot be amicably resolved, a complaint against the recruitment office shall be filed with the Ministry of Human Resources & Emiratisation, through the following channels:



Consequences of recruitment by unauthorized entities

In the event of employing an unlicensed domestic worker or recruiting him/her from an unauthorized entity, the employer may have the following consequences:

- The employer may be subject to legal accountability for employing and illegally harboring a violating domestic worker.
- Family members may be at risk due to infectious diseases the domestic worker may suffer.
- The domestic worker may have a criminal record and illegally stays in the country.
- The employer may be exposed to fraudulent activities by dealing with unauthorized recruitment entities.