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SCHEME DETAILS

**Subject: Scheme for Registration of new entrepreneurs to facilitate overseas employment and export of skilled manpower from India.**

A large number of Indians go abroad for employment every year including blue collared unskilled or semi-skilled workers, as well as highly qualified professionals. Registered Recruiting Agents play a vital role in securing demands from Foreign Employers, which ultimately facilitate overseas employment opportunities for Indians. Welfare and protection of Indian workers going to ECR countries being the mandate of Ministry of External Affairs, MEA reviews the processes and regulatory framework from time to time to safeguard the interests of Indian workers.

2. As per the provisions of Rule 10 of the Emigration Act 1983, no one can engage in recruitment for overseas employment unless they obtain a Registration Certificate (RC) from the Protector General of Emigrants (PGE). It has been observed that the registered Recruiting Agents are mostly based in big cities whereas a large number of aspiring semi-literate youth in distant places often fall prey to intermediate agents in their quest to go abroad for employment. The Ministry of External Affairs has therefore felt a need to expand the network of registered RAs across the country, particularly in hitherto uncovered areas. The objective being multifold - (i) to provide access to the network of registered RAs to aspiring emigrants even in the remotest of places; (ii) to provide business opportunity to new entrepreneurs in the field of overseas employment; and (iii) to provide an opportunity to persons who are already engaged in recruitment related activities indirectly like Travel Consultancy, Travel Agency, Trade Testing Centres etc. and persons who are engaged illegally in recruitment for overseas employment to register. The scheme offers an opportunity to everyone to make a decent living for himself while helping other fellow Indians to seek employment abroad.

  
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3. Presently, any person seeking to register as a Recruiting Agent has to deposit a bank guarantee of rupees fifty lakh as security. To make it simpler and affordable for young entrepreneurs and all those interested in taking up overseas recruitment as a profession, the MEA has decided to open registration of RAs with a reduced bank guarantee of rupees eight lakh only, for obtaining a Registration Certificate with permission to recruit upto 100 workers, for overseas employment during the five years' validity of the RC. The new scheme also has a provision to enhance the number of permissible recruitment limit in multiples of 100 on submission of additional corresponding bank guarantee of rupees eight lakh per 100 additional workers.

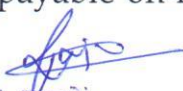
4. All Indian citizens who are graduates, are eligible to apply for a RC. Applications for the new Scheme shall be made online and payments also shall be made online. The processing / grant of RC shall also be done online. This will be an ongoing scheme with no closing date for applications.

**Eligibility criteria-**

- i) Registration of Recruiting Agents would be done as per the existing **provisions of Emigration Act 1983**, except for the reduced BG and specified quota for recruitment.
- ii) Any Legal Entity will be allowed to register.
- iii) GST registration of the entity is mandatory.
- iv) Mandatory PAN No. Aadhar No., Bank Account of entity (A/c No. & IFSC Code) will need to be quoted at the time of application.
- v) Minimum education qualification will be Graduation or equivalent from a UGC recognized University/Institution
- vi) The minimum area of premises shall be 50 sq. meters for aspiring Recruiting Agents., and a minimum seating arrangement of 10 persons in the premises for emigrants.
- vii) The applicant should have a financial net worth (Assets minus liabilities) of at least Rs. 5.00 lakh or more, to be certified by a Chartered Accountant.
- viii) All other terms and conditions mentioned in Section 10 of Emigration Rules, 1983 would also apply.

**Processing of the applications-**

- i) Online (non-refundable) processing fee of Rs. 10,000/- payable on-line at the time of application.

  
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- ii) Bank guarantee shall be accepted only of those banks which have on-line BG verification facility. BG will be required to be furnished only after issue of Eligibility Letter.
  - iii) Protector of Emigrants (PoE) site visit shall be carried out after the application is approved, in- principle, based on documents submitted and verified.
  - iv) Police verification is not required if Passport is issued to the applicant in last 1 year - Verification of Educational Qualifications/PVR can be done post issue of RC, subject to an undertaking by the applicant, that he is a graduate or equivalent and there is no criminal case pending in any Court in the country on date of application.
  - v) Any change in application or resubmission or inspection shall require fresh processing fee
  - vi) Processing time shall be approximately 60 days
5. All other terms and conditions of the registration certificate will remain the same and can be viewed on [www.emigrate.gov.in](http://www.emigrate.gov.in).
6. The date of commencement of registration process will be notified shortly.
7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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