

FAQ on Issues of Intending Emigrants

Question	Answer
How do I check if my R A is registered?	You can check the details of registered Recruiting Agents on eMigrate portal (https://emigrate.gov.in/).
I have been recruited directly by an employer in an ECR country. How do I apply for emigrant registration?	Initial registration has to be done in eMigrate system (https://emigrate.gov.in/) directly from any computer with internet facility.
I have got an offer letter from a particular company abroad. How do I check if the offer letter is genuine?	Contact the foreign company directly to confirm is this letter is genuine.
My recruiting agent has duped me and I have lost money. What should I do?	You can lodge a complaint in eMigrate system (www.emigrate.gov.in) or call up OWRC on 1800 11 3090 for further assistance.
I want to lodge a complaint against a Recruiting Agent (RA). What are the steps to be followed?	The complaint can be registered on the online portal of the ministry eMigrate (https://emigrate.gov.in/) or sent to the Protector General of Emigrants, MOIA along with details for taking necessary action.
What are the documents required for getting emigration clearance for ECR workers?	<p>All persons, having Emigration Check Required (ECR) endorsed passports and going to any of the 17 ECR countries for taking up employment require emigration clearance which can be obtained from POEs. Persons who do not have the ECR stamp on their passports do not require emigration clearance.</p> <p>A person could take up employment in a foreign country either through a registered recruiting agent or directly through a foreign employer or a project exporter. The Protector of Emigrants, after satisfying himself about the accuracy of the particulars mentioned in the application and other documents submitted along with the application, grant emigration clearance in the prescribed manner and form. In case there is any deficiency, the POE intimates the same by an order in writing to the applicant or, as the case may be, the Recruiting Agent or employer, through whom the applications have been made.</p> <p>Information about the registered as well as active Recruiting Agents (RA) is available at the Ministry's website http://www.emigrate.gov.in</p> <p>Documents Required for Skilled/Semi-Skilled Workers (Individuals)</p> <p>Semi-skilled individuals who seek emigration clearance directly from the Protectors of Emigrants (and not through Recruiting Agents) are required to produce the following documents in original for scrutiny and return:</p>

Passport valid for a minimum period of six months with valid visa.
Employment Contract from foreign employer.
Challan towards deposit of prescribed fee.
Insurance Policy under Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana.
Documents Required for Unskilled/Women Workers (Individuals)

Unskilled workers and women (not below 30 years of age) seeking employment abroad shall continue to furnish (in original) the following documents at the time of obtaining emigration clearance:


Passport valid for a minimum period of six months with valid Visa.
Employment contract from the foreign employer duly attested by the Indian Embassy or Permission letter from the concerned Indian Embassy / Consulate.
Challan towards deposits of prescribed fee.
Insurance policy Under Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana (PBBY).
Documents required for skilled/semi-skilled workers (Through Recruiting Agents)

Recruiting agents who seek emigration clearance for skilled/semiskilled workers are required to produce:

Passport of the worker valid for a minimum period of 6 months with valid visa.
Original Employment contract, demand letter and power of attorney from the foreign employer.
Deposit of prescribed fee.
Insurance Policy- Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana.
Documents required for Unskilled/Women Workers (Through Recruiting Agents)

In addition to the requirements for skilled/semiskilled workers, all employment documents mentioned in (ii) above have to be duly attested by the Indian Embassy.

The specimen employment contract lays down the basic terms and conditions of employment including salary, accommodation, medical cover, transport, etc.
In the case of vulnerable categories of workers i.e. unskilled Labor and housemaids/domestic workers, in respect of six countries viz. Yemen, Lebanon, Libya, Jordan, Sudan, and Kuwait, these employment documents are required to be attested by the concerned Indian Embassy / Consulate (s).

	<p>Emigration clearance to women to work abroad as housemaids/domestic servants etc.</p> <p>On the recommendations of the National Commission for Women, a ban was imposed on grant of emigration clearance to women below the age of thirty (30) years for all kind of employment in any ECR country.</p> <p>Such women who have come on leave to India and wish to go back to the same foreign employer are not subject to the said ban and the POEs have been empowered to grant a ‘no objection certificate’ to such women applicants to facilitate clearance by Immigration Authorities at the International Airports in India.</p> <p>The said ban is not applicable to (i) women holding passports without ECR (Emigration Check Required) endorsement; and (ii) women going to any of the ECNR countries.</p>
<p>I have ECR stamp on my passport and have got a job offer in UAE. How do I register myself in the e-Migrate system?</p>	<p>Initial registration has to be done in the emigrate system (http://www.emigrate.gov.in ) directly from any computer with internet facility.</p>
<p>Do non ECR category workers need to register in the e-Migrate system?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What is meant by notified countries?</p>	<p>Emigration Act, 1983 provides that no citizen of India shall migrate unless he obtains emigration clearance from Protector of Emigrants. Similarly, it has been recognized that certain countries (currently 18) do not have strict laws regulating the entry and employment of foreign nationals. They also do not provide avenues for grievance redressal. Thus they have been categorized as Emigration Check Required (ECR) countries. Hence, all persons, having ECR endorsed passports and going to any of the 17 ECR countries for taking up employment require emigration clearance. However, ECR passport holders going to any ECR country for purposes other than employment do not require emigration clearance. No specific mention of ECNR is made on the passports and the ones not endorsed as ECR, automatically belong to ECNR category. The 18 ECR countries are: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Qwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, South Sudan, North Sudan, Syria, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.</p>

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