



ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL 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 the Ministry of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations, Special EPS-TOPIK for those who voluntarily returned home within their permitted sojourn period and want to come back for work in Korea will 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)
Cooperated by: Ministry of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations, Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE)

1. Test Schedule

Registration Period	Announcement of test date	Test Period	Announcement of test result	Age Requirements
August 24-27	September 16	September 28 ~ October 2	October 28	August 25, 1980 ~ August 24, 2002

* The schedule can be changed according to EPS circumstances

2. (Allowed) Type of Industry: Manufacturing, Construction, Fishery

* If an applicant wants to apply for a designated recommendation to his/her last workplace (employer) where he/she had worked more than a year should select the same industry of the workplace. For this reason, applicants should select the industry carefully considering the mentioned condition.

3. The (expected) number of passers : To be announced

- The number of passer will be announced later separately in the order of the high scores among the applicants who scored 100 or more points out of 200 regardless of industry.

4. Test Place and date Announcement

- Test Place : CBT(Computer Based Test) Examination Room, No.205, Depanama, Pannipitiya
- Announcement of the Test Date : September 16, 2020
- Announcement Method
 - website of EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
 - the notice board of SLBFE (www.slbfe.lk)

5. Qualifications (Eligibility)

- Reemployed workers under the EPS who voluntarily have returned to his or her home country within their permitted sojourn period (Time of returning: Not before January 1st, 2010)
- August 25, 1980 to August 24, 2002
- Persons who have not been convicted of imprisonment or heavier punishment
- Persons who have no record of deportation or departure orders from the Republic of Korea
- Persons who are not restricted from departure of home country
- Persons who don't have total 5 years or longer duration of sojourn with E-9 and E-10 VISA in Korea

* In case of returning to his/her country before amendments of Immigration Control Law (Nov 2017), a person can be on the available applicants list even though he/she had stayed for 5 years or more in Korea. In that case, it is impossible for the person to apply because of lack of qualification for the test.

6. Registration Procedure

- Period : August 24 ~ 27, 2020
- Method : Individual Online registration
 - Online application procedure will be applied and further instructions and the eligibility list will be notified on 14.08.2020 on SLBFE site (www.slbfe.lk)
- Test fee: 24 USD (Rs. 4457/-)
 - * If an applicant who has unavoidable reasons cancel his/her registration during registration period, the applicant can get full refund. (However, re-application after cancellation is not allowed)
- If the applicants overly applied an additional test date will be decided and the test will be conducted accordingly. Its date also will be announced on the announcement date of the designated test venue & date for each applicant.
- Benefits for participating HRD Korea Resettlement support training programs

Year	Resettlement support training programs (Maximum 25 points)		
	TOPIK Level 3 Course (Maximum 20 points)		Job Skill Training for employment / Starting business (Maximum 5 points)
	Completion	People who have TOPIK Level 3 or higher	Completion
2016	-	-	-
From 2017	Extra Points (5 points) Exemption of test fee	Extra Points (20 points) Exemption of test fee	Extra Points (5 points) Exemption of test fee

- * If you have completed a resettlement support program in Korea, submit application form and certificate (refer to Attachment).
- * Those who have TOPIK 3 Level or higher must submit both its certificate and the completion certificate of a TOPIK Level 3 Course

7. (Planned) Testing Period : September 28 ~ October 2, 2020

- Test Structure & Criteria

Question Structure	Number of questions	Total score	Time given
R/C	20	100	25 mins.
L/C	20	100	25 mins.
TOTAL	40	200	50 mins.

- Composition of the test

Total Score	R/C	L/C	Adding Points (Maximum 25 points)			
			Total	TOPIK Level 3 Course Completion	People who have TOPIK Level 3 or higher after completed TOPIK Level 3 Course	Job Skill Training for employment/Starting business Completion
200 pts	100 pts	100 pts	25 pts	5 pts	20 pts	5 pts

- Test Duration

Test session	Test faculty meeting	Orientation for test takers	Duration	
			Reading (25 mins)	Listening (25 mins)
1 st session	09:20 ~ 09:30	09:30 ~ 10:00	10:00 ~ 10:25	10:25 ~ 10:50
2 nd session	10:50 ~ 11:00	11:00 ~ 11:30	11:30 ~ 11:55	11:55 ~ 12:20
3 rd session	13:20 ~ 13:30	13:30 ~ 14:00	14:00 ~ 14:25	14:25 ~ 14:50
4 th session	14:50 ~ 15:00	15:00 ~ 15:30	15:30 ~ 15:55	15:55 ~ 16:20

* All examinees must be in the test room before the orientation time.

- This can be changed according to the number of applicants and prevailing circumstance.

- Test Structure & Allotment of Scores and passing standard

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).
- R/C and L/C will be implemented continuously without a break.

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

- Items to prepare on the test day: Admission Ticket, Passport & ID card

* All applicants are required to bring his/her passport (ID card) of which is the same with the one posted on his/her application form

* No applicant is allowed to take the test without passport & ID card

8. Announcement of Test Result

- Announcement Date : October 28, 2020
- Announcement Method
 - Notice board of the SLBFE (www.slbfe.lk)
 - Website of the Employment Permit System (<http://www.eps.go.kr>)
 - Website of the EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
- Validity period of test result is 2 years (effect on the date of result announcement)

9. Other Information

- If an applicant is confirmed as a non-voluntary returnee, his/her test result will be considered invalid even he/she passes the test and the Applicant should take full responsibility on that.
- Those who pass the test will benefit from a shortened reentering procedure including faster job registration and placement, and exemption from pre-departure training.
- 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.
- Test will be void, and examinees will NOT be eligible for taking the test for 3 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)	http://www.hrdkorea.or.kr/3/3/1/2
Homepage of EPS-TOPIK	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr

10. Notice about preventing spread of COVID-19

- All applicants must wear the masks before entering the test venue and comply with proper instructions or guidelines for the safety of other people.
- Before entering the venue, all applicants must have checked their temperature and clean their hands with hand sanitizer. If an applicant has fever, cough or other respiratory symptoms, entrance for the venue can be restricted.
- Please shun physical contact such as handshakes and hugs and maintain proper cough etiquette (cough or sneeze into your sleeve).

- Passing the special 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 employment in Korea, such as those who do not pass the medical examination or who have the record of illegal stay in Korea or who do not meet the criteria for E-9 visa cannot be employed in Korea.
- If the drug test results are positive after entering Korea, you can be returned to your country.
- According to the MOU between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea and Ministry of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations, only SLBFE has the legal authority to send Sri Lanka workers to the Republic of Korea. Only the job seekers who passed the EPS-TOPIK and registered on the roster by SLBFE can be hired by Korean Employers. If any other private sectors are involved in procedure for sending workforce, there will be legal punishment for those acts.
- It costs 24 USD (Rs.4457 /-) for an applicant to take Special EPS-TOPIK and only the certain amount of money noticed officially as a sending cost by SLBFE during the registration period of a job application form will cost you for entering Korea under the EPS. Besides, except SLBFE, 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 agencies' absurd (deceiving) proposal related to recommendation or employment in Korea under the EPS.
- Applicants with color blindness, color weakness are not permitted to pass the test. Also, applicants with physical handicaps such as the slipped disc or finger amputation can be excluded on the valid roster.
- For online application process, applicants are requested to submit a valid medical certification issued by a licensed medical officer (Doctor) to prove that the applicant is free from color blindness. Those who pass the examination will go through another medical examination to check the color blindness and if you are diagnosed with color blindness at that time, your exam results will be cancelled.
- The penalties for cheating candidates and illegal substitutes are being reinforced. If one works in (come to) Korea unfairly, he/she will be accused of law enforcement.

[Attachment]

Application for Test fee Exemption and Additional point from resettlement training, education

Applicant's Oath

I solemnly swear that I will take full legal responsibilities for any falsified resettlement training, education documents submitted for registering EPS-TOPIK.

* If the applicant's document is proven to be falsified, the test result will be invalidated and the person will not be able to take any EPS-TOPIK for 3 years

Applicants to fill in

Name	Registration No.
Date of birth	Passport No.
Gender	Contact No.

Resettlement Support Training (Maximum 25 points) * Mark (●) for eligible

Korean education process (Maximum 20 points)	• Those who completed a TOPIK Level 3 Course < Not available for those who completed in 2016 > (○)
	• Those who have a certificate of TOPIK Level 3 or higher after the completion of a TOPIK Level 3 Course (○)
Vocational training for employment & Start-up (Maximum 5 points)	• Those who completed vocational training for employment & Start-up (○)

20__ / __ / __ (YYYY/MM/DD)

Name: _____ (Signature)

President of HRD Korea