

# Illegal immigrants, Do take advantage of **Voluntary Departure Programme**



- Our updated Voluntary Departure Programme gives you an opportunity to be free from entry ban and fine with no strings attached.

## 1. If you are an illegal immigrant, claim voluntary departure between 11 December 2019 and 30 June 2020

### • Where should I visit?

- Visit an immigration office covering the area of your residence.

### • What documents should I carry?

- We need your passport, Statement of Voluntary Departure and your boarding pass.

### • What do I receive prior to departure?

- You will receive a Confirmation of Voluntary Departure. Please do not misplace this document.

### • What benefits am I entitled to?

- Fine will be exempted and you will not be blacklisted for entry as well. You can also later apply for E-9, D-2, D-4, D-8 visa types if you meet requirements.

### • When and how can I apply for a Korean visa for re-entry?

- You can apply for a C-3 visa (single, max. stay of 90 days) 3 to 6 months from the arrival date at your home country depending on the date you voluntarily left Korea. You need to present a) Confirmation of Voluntary Departure, b) criminal record issued by a law enforcement agency of your country and c) tuberculosis test result to the Korean embassy in your country. Do note that this visa can only be applied within 12 months from the date of your voluntary departure.

### • What do I have to do after re-entering Korea with a C-3 single visa?

- You need to visit [www.hikorea.go.kr](http://www.hikorea.go.kr) and report your Korean address within 14 days of arrival. If you intend to stay in Korea for less than 14 days, report your address prior to departure. Doing so and leaving Korea without committing any offence before your C-3 single visa expires will make you eligible for obtaining a C-3 multiple visa (max. stay of 90 days valid for 12 months). For your reference, C-3 multiple visa holders are only required to report their address if they relocated during their stay.

### • What penalties are imposed if I do not voluntarily leave by 30 June 2020?

- Only 30% of standard fine will be imposed for your immigration offence should you decide to voluntarily leave after 1 July 2020, and 50% of standard fine will be imposed after 1 October 2020.

## **2. If you are an illegal immigrant employed in agriculture/fishing business, claim voluntary departure between 11 December 2019 and 15 January 2020 with your employer.**

- **Where should I visit?** : Visit an immigration office covering the area of your residence with your employer.
- **What documents should I carry?** : We need your passport, Statement of Voluntary Departure and your boarding pass.
- **What do I receive prior to departure?** : You will receive a Confirmation of Voluntary Departure for seasonal workers. Please do not misplace this document.
- **What benefits am I entitled to?** : Fine will be exempted and you will not be blacklisted for entry as well. You can also later apply for a C-4 (short term seasonal worker visa) or E-8 (long term seasonal worker visa) visa if you meet requirements. For your reference, fine exemption also applies to your employer as well.

## **3. If you are an illegal immigrant employed in manufacturing at SMEs, claim voluntary departure between 11 December 2019 and 31 March 2020 with your employer.**

- **Where should I visit?** : Visit an immigration office covering the area of your workplace location.
- **What documents should I carry?** : We need your passport, Statement of Voluntary Departure and a completed Application for Postponement of Termination of Departure.
- **What benefits am I entitled to?** : Three-month period is guaranteed for you to remain in work from the date you placed your voluntary departure claim.
- **What type of visas can I apply to re-enter Korea?**
  - If you are an overseas ethnic Korean, you may apply for C-3-8, H-2 or F-4 type visas.
  - If this does not apply to you, you may apply for E-9, D-2, D-4, D-8 visa types.

## **4. If you are illegally employed with either E-9 or H-2 visa, claim voluntary departure between 11 December 2019 and 31 March 2020 with your employer.**

If you are employed under the EPA programme and failed to declare mandatory report items (e.g. switching jobs) during your initial 3 years (without employment extension) or 4 years and 10 months (if you were granted employment extension), you are eligible for claiming voluntary departure.

- **What benefits am I entitled to?**
    - E-9 visa holders are qualified for a 70% fine reduction. Only 30% of standard fine will be imposed.
    - H-2 visa holders are imposed of a fine by the Ministry of Justice for their failure to declare their commencement of employment, but will be allowed to maintain their employment at current workplace or can be supported by the Ministry of Employment and Labor to switch their job.
  - **What documents should I carry?** : We need your passport and Alien Registration Card. Please note you need to be accompanied with your employer.
- ※ **Foreign residents falling into illegal status after 1 February 2020 and employers identified for hiring illegal residents after 1 April 2020 will be imposed of full penalty without mercy.**
- ※ **Illegal residents located by our officials after 1 March 2020 will be imposed of full penalty and those failing to pay fine will be permanently blacklisted.**