

Illegal immigrants, Do take advantage of Voluntary Departure Programme



- By 30 June 2020, illegal immigrants who declare voluntary departure are subject to exemption from entry ban, fine and are allowed to apply for re-entry.
- Immigrants who are deemed illegal from 1 February 2020 will be subject to a non-deductible fine without any exceptions.
- Starting from 1 March 2020, illegal immigrants who get caught will be subject to fine, and if fine is unpaid, permanent entry ban will be imposed.
- Starting from 1 April 2020, employers who hired illegal workers will be subject to a non-deductible fine.
- Starting from 1 July 2020, all illegal immigrants will be subject to fine without any exceptions.
- **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, declare 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 submit?**
 - You need to prepare passport, Statement of Voluntary Departure and your boarding pass.
- **What do I have to 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 may also 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 later 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. Please note this visa can be applied only 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 and report your Korean address within 14 days from arrival. If you intend to stay in Korea for less than 14 days, report your address prior to departure. If you comply with guideline and leave Korea without committing any offence before your C-3 single visa expires, you shall be 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 required to report their address only if they relocated during their stay.

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

- (Declare after 1 July 2020) You will be subject to only 30% of standard fine for your immigration offense.
- (Declare after 1 October 2020) subject to 50% of standard fine
- * If you are subject to the coronavirus quarantine and fail to declare voluntary departure at your desired date, declaration period can be extended to the date when the quarantine period ends provided you have submitted medical record that proves you received treatment for the infectious disease. In this case, the first day of the hospital visit will be recognized as the day of the declaration.

2. If you are an illegally working at a small or medium sized manufacturing company, please declare voluntary departure between 11 December 2019 and 31 March 2020.

- **Where should I visit?** : Visit an immigration office covering the area of your workplace site.
- **What documents should I submit?**
 - You need to prepare: passport, Statement of Voluntary departure and Application for Postponement of Termination of Departure.
 - Your Employer need to prepare: confirmation letter of SME status, hiring status, copy of business license certificate and employment records including payroll ledgers, pass book(as proof of more than 3 month of hiring), list of employment insurance policy holders
 - * Please note that you need to have your employer accompany for the declaration
- **What benefits am I entitled to?**
 - Three-month temporary stay is guaranteed from the date of your declaration.
- **What type of visas can I apply to re-enter Korea?**
 - If you are an overseas Korean national, 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.



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

If you are employed under the EPA programme without going through necessary procedures(e.g. approval of switching jobs) during your initial 3 years (without employment extension) or 4 years and 10 months (with employment extension), you are eligible for declare voluntary departure.

- **What benefits am I entitled to?**
 - If you are an E-9 visa holder, you are subject to only 30% of the standard fine for shifting jobs and your employer will be subject to 30% of fine and exemption from restrictions on EPA programme.
 - If you are a H2 visa holder, you are subject to penalty fees imposed by Ministry of justice for not declaring commencement of employment but will be supported by the Ministry of Employment and Labor in maintaining your current job or switching to another one.
- **What documents should I submit?**
 - You need to prepare: passport and Alien Registration Card.
 - * Please note you need to be accompanied with your employer.