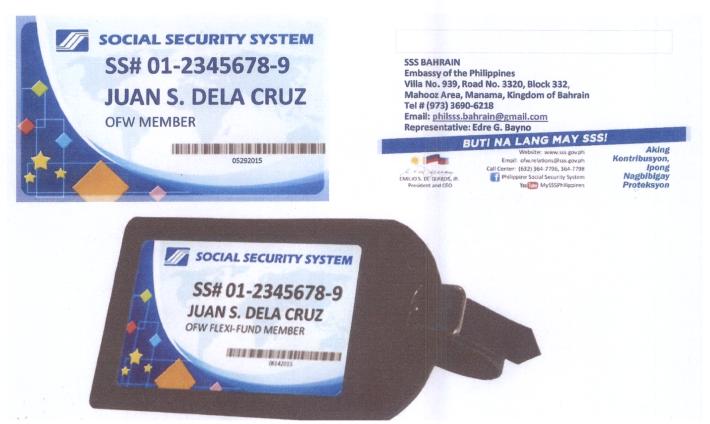
SSS Bahrain Press Release

The Philippine Social Security System (SSS) – Bahrain through the Philippine Embassy Manama is pleased to announce the issuance of SS# Tag for OFW-member. OFW-member may now apply for SS# tag at the SSS Office of the Philippine Embassy Manama between 8:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. Sundays to Thursdays.

The SS# tag issuance at SSS Foreign Offices is a full-scale implementation of the project, initially launched at the SSS-POEA branch as a promotional campaign, to give our OFW-members a more practical means of recalling their SS#'s for their inquiries/transactions, especially contribution payments.

Made of standard-sized PVC card to be inserted in a leather luggage-tag holder, the SS# tag shall bear the member's name, SS number and OFW coverage status and the date of card issuance on the front card, and the contact details of the issuing SSS foreign office and the OFW Contact Service Unit (CSU) on the back.



Implementing Guidelines

- 1. SS# tags shall be issued to OFW-members upon their request at the point of service for free.
- 2. For a member to qualify for issuance of SS# tag, his/her current coverage status must be tagged as OFW or OFW Flexi-fund member. The name and SS number to be printed on the OFW-member's tag must match with existing database records, as per verification in SSS Web-based Inquiry System (WINS) and he/she must be actively paying member with at least one-three months latest contribution of the latest year.
- 3. All new and reactivated OFW-members shall be given priority for SS# tag issuance. Existing OFW-members with SS ID/UMID cards may still be issued SS# tags upon their request. The SS# tag, however, is not intended for issuance as an identification card in liue of the SS ID/UMID card.
- 4. The SS# tag shall be issued on a <u>one-time, as-is basis</u> (i.e. no provision for replacement), except when the OFW-member transfers to another country, in which case he/she may request for another SS# tag from the SSS foreign office in his/her new location.
- 5. SS# tags shall be given directly to the OFW-member on the spot upon completion of his/her transaction. The OFW-member shall be required to sign in a separate logbook upon receipt of the SS# tag.

For more information about the SS# tag, please call/text us at (0973) 3690-6218 or email us at philsss.bahrain@gmail.com