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**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SPACE REQUIREMENT
FOR PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES (PEAs)**


In consideration of the difficulties brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, this Labor Advisory temporarily suspends the office space requirements under Article II, Section 3(c) of DOLE Department Orders (DO) 216 and 217, Series of 2020 for industry and domestic Private Employment Agencies (PEAs).

DOLE-Regional Offices (ROs) are hereby enjoined to temporarily allow PEAs and its respective Branch Office/s to have an office space no less than or minimum of 20 square meters for the exclusive use of the agency, provided that other documentary requirements such as documentary proof of ownership, Transfer Certificate of Title or Contract of Lease, are submitted. In case of lease, the contract shall be for a period of at least one (1) year which shall be enforceable until its end date, subject to the lifting of the State of Calamity as pronounced through Proclamation No. 1218 dated 10 September 2021, whichever comes later.

PEAs may also have the option of availing a virtual office in addition to the physical space, provided that the ROs are furnished a copy of the Virtual Office Contract or its equivalent. Further, PEAs who have availed this option and found to be in violation of pertinent laws governing recruitment and placement shall be held liable under Article IX of DOLE D.O. 216, Series of 2020 and Article X of DOLE D.O. 217, Series of 2020, respectively.

Effective until further notice.

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