

Issuance of military registration certificates for overseas Koreans to become faster by more than a week

Reduced processing time from more than 10 days to around 2 days through system linkage between OKA and Military Manpower Administration

From now on, the processing time for overseas Koreans to obtain military registration certificates is expected to become faster by more than a week.

The Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Lee Sang-duk) and the Military Manpower Administration (Commissioner Kim Jong-cheol) will improve the system for issuing military registration certificates through the Overseas Koreans Agency - Military Manpower Administration System Linkage beginning Feb. 21.

This is expected to significantly shorten the processing time for overseas Koreans to obtain military registration certificates from more than 10 days to around two days.

In the past, to process these certificates applied for by overseas Koreans through overseas diplomatic missions, various organizations, such as local military service offices, the OKA and overseas diplomatic missions, had to process them through internal requests, which caused inconvenience due to the long processing time.

In order to resolve these inconveniences, the Military Manpower Administration and the OKA have been discussing improvement plans since 2023, and as a result, the MMA's Military Affairs Administration System and the OKA's Integrated Electronic Administration System (G4K) have been linked to allow for the quicker processing of requests.

As a result, overseas Koreans will benefit from a significantly shortened request processing period, and administrative efficiency is expected to increase.

"It is very meaningful that we were able to improve the convenience of overseas Koreans' requests together with the Military Manpower Administration, and we will do our best to


continue to expand digital services that overseas Koreans can actually experience so that we can become a strong resource for overseas Koreans," OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk said.

"We are pleased to be able to provide faster services to overseas Koreans through the application of digital technology," said Kim Jong-cheol, head of the MMA. "We will continue to do our best to spread a social atmosphere where the value of military service is respected by improving conveniences for those who fulfill military service."

Since 2018, the MMA has improved the online issuance of military registration certificates in English and for official declarations.

The MMA has improved the ability to issue military registration certificates in English and official declarations online because until now there had been no system in place to issue English-language certificates, and since all military service must be verified for official declarations, it was inconvenient to visit the local military administration office or the nearest civil affairs center to get a certificate in English or for official declarations.

In particular, most overseas residents who applied for an English certificate had to apply through relatives living in Korea or through overseas diplomatic missions (by mail) because it was difficult to visit the office in person, which meant certificates took one to two weeks to be issued.

Given that many overseas Koreans use military registration certificates for employment and renewal of permanent residency in their country of residence, the prompt issuance of medical certificates has helped overseas Koreans live and work in their country of residence. 

Improved process for receiving and issuing military registration certificates

Current process -- Appoint a representative (consul) to handle the exchange of documents



Improved process -- MMA-OKA system to handle requests without designating a representative agent

