

Ministry of Justice Offers **2023 Voluntary Departure Program** for Foreign Nationals in Illegal Status

Starting from **September 11, 2023**, illegal foreign residents who voluntarily depart Korea by **December 31, 2023** will be granted a **fine exemption** and **suspension of entry restrictions**.

☐ Overview

- Foreign nationals in illegal status who voluntarily depart Korea by December 31, 2023 will be granted a fine exemption and suspension of entry restrictions.

※ You are ineligible for this program if: ① your status became illegal after the effective date of this program (Sep 11, 2023) ② you have illegally crossed the border into Korea ③ you have used a forged or altered passport ④ you are a criminal offender ⑤ you have failed to comply with a departure order

☐ Required Documents

- passport, Statement of Voluntary Departure, and boarding pass

- ☐ In accordance with **the existing Preliminary Declaration of Voluntary Departure system**, applicants of this program must declare their voluntary departure by **visiting an immigration office** or **filing an online declaration**. After being granted a **fine exemption and suspension of entry restrictions**, you must leave Korea via **ports or airports**.

☞ Declaration must be submitted at least three days before this program expires. (Holidays are not counted)

- ☐ For more information, please contact the **Immigration Contact Center at 1345** or visit **HiKorea**(<http://www.hikorea.go.kr>) or **Korea Immigration Service** (<http://www.immigration.go.kr>).

Contact information	Service hours (weekdays)	Languages available
(☎1345) Immigration Contact Center of the Ministry of Justice	09:00~22:00	English, Chinese
	09:00~18:00	Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Russian, Mongolian, Bengali, Urdu, Nepali, Cambodian, Burmese, French, German, Spanish, Tagalog, Arabic, Tamil



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