

## [Notice]

# 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



**Ministry of Justice**

## 2023 Voluntary Departure Program for Illegal Foreign Residents

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- ▶ **Benefits for foreign nationals in illegal status who depart from Korea during the effective period**
  - ⇒ A **fine exemption** and **suspension of entry restrictions** for those who voluntarily depart Korea by **December 31, 2023** (with the exception of those who have illegally crossed the border into Korea, those who have used a forged or altered passport, criminal offenders, etc)
  - ※ Submit your declaration by using the existing Preliminary Declaration of Voluntary Departure system.
- ▶ **Effective from Sep 11, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023**
- ▶ **For more information, please contact the Immigration Contact Center at 1345 (without an area code).**

### **【2023 Voluntary Departure Program for Illegal Foreign Residents】**

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**.

- ▶ **Target Group** : illegal foreign residents who voluntarily depart Korea during the effective period
- ▶ **Effective Period** : from Sep 11, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023