

# Dual Citizenship

## What is Republic Act No. 9225?

Republic Act No. 9225, otherwise known as the Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003, declares that natural-born citizens of the Philippines who acquired foreign citizenship through naturalization shall be deemed not to have lost their Philippine citizenship.

## Who are qualified?

Only natural-born citizens of the Philippines who have become citizens of another country by reason of naturalization may retain or re-acquire their Philippine citizenship under this Act.

## How do I prove that I am a natural-born Filipino?

Natural-born Filipino citizens are those who are citizens of the Philippines from birth without having to perform any act to acquire or perfect their Philippine citizenship. The following are considered as natural-born Filipino citizens:

- A person born on or after 17 January 1973, and one or both parents were Filipino citizens on the birth date;
- A person born on or after 14 May 1935 and the father was a Filipino citizen, or if the father was not, the mother was a Filipino citizen and the person elected Philippine citizenship (upon reaching the age of majority) pursuant to the provisions of the 1935 Constitution;
- A person born prior to 14 May 1935 and at least one parent was an inhabitant and resident of the Philippines.

## Will my application for dual citizenship under R.A. 9225 affect my U.S. citizenship?

Prospective applicants for dual citizenship under R.A. 9225 are advised to visit and read the contents of the website of the U.S. Department of State which contains information about current U.S. government policy on dual nationality, or to seek legal advice from a U.S. immigration lawyer.

## Requirements:

- Personal appearance of the applicant in required.
- Completely fill out and submit two (2) application forms entitled "Application for Retention/Re-Acquisition of Philippine Citizenship" (form provided at the Consulate, or may be downloaded from its website, [www.philippinessanfrancisco.org](http://www.philippinessanfrancisco.org)).
- Present the original copy and submit two (2) photocopies of the following:
  - Primary documents
    - NSO Philippine birth certificate\*;
    - Old Philippine Passport;
    - NSO Marriage Contract\* (if married in the Philippines) indicating the Philippine citizenship of the applicant;

\*Note: NSO birth certificates and marriage certificates can be ordered from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) online at [www.ecensus.com.ph](http://www.ecensus.com.ph). Documents are delivered worldwide via courier service.
  - Supporting documents (if applicable)
    - Voter's affidavit or voter's identification card; or
    - A former natural-born citizen, who was born abroad, shall present a copy of the Report of Birth issued by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate and, in applicable cases, the original copy of the Birth Certificate by competent foreign authorities.
    - Such other documents that would show that the applicant is a former natural-born citizen of the Philippines as may be acceptable to the evaluating officer.
- Present the original copy and submit two (2) photocopies of the applicant's Foreign (US) Certificate of Naturalization.
- Present the original copy and submit two (2) photocopies of the applicant's US Passport.
- In case such Certificate of Naturalization is unavailable, execute an affidavit (form provided) explaining how foreign citizenship was acquired, and why said Certificate cannot be presented. This affidavit has to be notarized.
- If the applicant's name appearing in the birth certificate or other document mentioned in #2 is different from that indicated in the applicant's Certificate of Naturalization, foreign passport and other documents: a) execute an affidavit (form provided) explaining such difference and b) present original copies of at least two (2) public or private documents showing the correct name of the applicant (photocopies of which to be submitted).
- **For each of the applicant's qualified minor unmarried children below eighteen (18) years of age**, present the original copy and submit two (2) photocopies of the following:
  - The child's NSO birth certificate; and
  - The child's foreign passport
- Attach to the application form three (3) recent and identical 2"x2" photographs (white background) showing the front view. The beneficiary children are also required to submit three (3) 2"x2" photographs.
- If the applicants are a Bureau of Immigration (BI)-registered alien, submit the original ACR and ICR/CRTV, or in its absence, an affidavit explaining the loss of said documents.

**Processing fee: US\$50.00 for the principal application and US\$25.00 for each child-beneficiary. The payment may be in cash, bank draft or money order payable to the Philippine Consulate General.**

After payment, applicants are reminded to sign the Oath of Allegiance and Identification Certificate (IC) prepared by the Consulate and also affix thumbprints in the spaces provided in the IC.

All approved/completed applications and supporting documents, including oath of allegiance, order of approval, ACR and ICR/CRTV, if any, are forwarded to the Bureau of Immigration (BI) in Manila.