

Dual Citizenship

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

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.

Former natural-born Filipinos who have become naturalized citizens of another country can retain/reacquire their Philippine citizenship by taking an oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before a Philippine Consular Officer. Upon retaining/reacquiring their Philippine citizenship, they shall enjoy full civil, economic and political rights as Filipinos.

Under the principle of derivative citizenship, unmarried children below eighteen (18) years of age, whether legitimate, illegitimate, or adopted, of former Filipino parents who retained/reacquired their Philippine citizenship under this law, may also be deemed Filipino citizens, if they are included in the parent's application for retention/reacquisition of Philippine citizenship.

Dual Citizenship acquired by birth – A child born in the United States on or after 17 January 1973 when either or both parent/s was still a Filipino citizen is considered to be a dual citizen from birth. Such children should have their births reported to the Philippine Embassy/Consulate General having jurisdiction over the place of birth to be reported as a Filipino citizen. Please see requirements for [Report of Birth](#).

Application for Dual Citizenship is made in person and by appointment only. The Consulate does not accept mailed-in applications.

Requirements for the Principal:

1. Secure an online appointment, please [click here](#).
2. Duly-accomplished Application for Retention/Re-acquisition of Philippine Citizenship Form.
3. Present all the originals and submit one (1) photocopy of each of the following:
 - a. Birth Certificate (BC) issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), formerly National Statistics Office (NSO). To request a certified copy of the birth certificate from PSA, please [click here](#). To view a sample PSA-issued BC, [click here](#).
 - b. Marriage Certificate (MC) issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) formerly National Statistics Office (NSO). To request a certified copy of the marriage certificate from PSA, please [click here](#).
 - c. Philippine passport
 - d. U.S. Passport
 - e. U.S./Foreign Certificate of Naturalization

- f. U.S. issued Marriage Certificate/s and Divorce Decree if divorced, Marriage and Death Certificate of Spouse if widow/widower.
4. Three (3) identical photographs (2" x 2") taken in plain white background and within the last three (3) months. Blurred or low-quality photos are not accepted.
5. Present the following supporting documents, if applicable:
 - a. Philippine voter's affidavit or voter's identification card, if available.
 - b. 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 of the Birth Certificate by competent foreign authorities.
 - c. Such other Philippine Government-issued documents that would show that the applicant is a former natural-born citizen of the Philippines as may be acceptable to the evaluating officer.
 - d. If the applicant is a Bureau of Immigration (BI) Registered Alien – please submit the original ACR and ICR/CRTV, or in its absence, an Affidavit explaining the loss of said documents.

Requirements for the Principal's Minor Derivative:

For each of the principal's unmarried children below eighteen (18) years of age, the following must be submitted and included in the parent's application for retention/reacquisition of Philippine citizenship:

1. Present all the originals and submit one (1) photocopy of each of the following:
 - a. Minor child's Birth Certificate
 - b. U.S./Foreign Certificate of Naturalization/Citizenship
 - c. Philippine and/or U.S. Passport
2. Three (3) identical photographs (2" x 2") taken in plain white background and within the last three (3) months. Blurred or low-quality photos are not accepted.

The Philippine Consulate General reserves the right to require additional proof or documents from an applicant, to determine his/her citizenship/identity, the authenticity of the documents submitted, and to ensure accurate and complete personal data entries, pursuant to the Philippine Passport Law (R.A. 8239) and the Foreign Service Act (R.A. 7157).

Processing Fees:

All Fees are non-refundable. Fees should be made payable to the "Philippine Consulate General" in Money Order, Bank Draft, Certified Check or Cashier's Check. **Cash, personal checks and credit/debit cards are not accepted.**

Dual (Principal)	\$ 50.00
Dual (Minor Derivative)	\$ 25.00

Things to remember:

At the time of your application, you must review your personal details, affix your signature, and affix your thumbmarks on the spaces provided for on the certificate.

All documents (Identification Certificate, Oath of Allegiance, and Order of Approval) will be sent **by mail only**. Upon receipt of your documents, please examine them if they were duly signed by the Consular Officer. The documents are invalid if not signed.

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 the Philippines.

Civil Registry Services provided by the Philippine Statistics Authority:

Certified copies of Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates, and Certificate of No Marriage Record (CENOMAR), can be requested online at PSA Serbilis (www.psaserbilis.com.ph). PSA will mail your request/record to your U.S. address via courier service

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Dual Citizenship

To read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), please [click here](#).

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