

# VISA

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Nationals of a number of countries with which the Philippines maintains diplomatic relations, including the United States, may avail themselves of visa-free entry into the Philippines, provided their stay will not exceed 30 days. Please contact the Philippine Embassy/Consulate General for information on which countries are extended this privilege.

US citizens who wish to stay more than 30 days in the Philippines and nationals of countries who are not extended the 30-day visa free privilege should apply for a visa before traveling to the Philippines.

Returning *Balikbayans* or former Filipinos may also enter the Philippines without a visa and stay for a period of one (1) year, provided that they have a passport valid for 6 months beyond the intended stay in the Philippines, a roundtrip ticket, and proof of former Philippine citizenship (e.g. old Philippine passport or NSO-authenticated birth certificate). Foreign spouses and their minor children may avail themselves of this privilege if traveling with the *Balikbayan*.

## Non-immigrant Visa

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### **9(A) Temporary Visitor's visa 9(B) Transit 9(C) Seaman 9(D) Treaty Traders 9(E) Foreign Government Official 9(F) Student 9(G) Pre-Arranged Employees**

Of the above, the most frequently-applied for visa at the Embassy are the 9(a) Temporary Visitor's Visa, 9(c) Seaman's Visa, and the 9(e) Foreign Government Official Visa.

For inquiries regarding the other non-immigrant visa types, applicants may call the Embassy/Consulate General concerned. Please check the Consulate Finder or the Consulates Link for the states covered by the Embassy/Consulates General in the U.S.

Applicants may check the [Philippine Bureau of Immigration website](#) to check if they need to apply for a visa.

### **9(A) Temporary Visitor's Visa**

#### REQUIREMENTS:

1. Passport of applicant (valid at least 6 months from return date)
2. Duly-accomplished [Non-Immigrant Visa application form](#), typed or printed legibly in black or blue ink, and notarized if sent by mail
3. Travel Itinerary (applicant must be a holder of a roundtrip/onward flight ticket out of Manila)

4. One (1) colored photo, 2" x 2", taken within six months before the date of application, showing a clear front view of applicant's face, with a white background. No sleeveless attire. Blurred or low quality photos are not accepted.
5. Proof of Financial Capacity (photocopy of latest bank statement and an employment certificate from the employer indicating position and salary, or affidavit of support), for Tourist Visa (for pleasure only).
6. Letter from employer or sponsor of the trip, indicating its specific purpose or nature and length of stay (inclusive dates) in the Philippines, for Tourist Visa (for business only).
7. For minor visa applicants (below 18) traveling on their own, affidavit of support and guarantee from either parent, as well as photocopy of parent's bank statement.
8. Self-addressed return envelope, with appropriate stamps for express or priority mail with tracking numbers via US Postal Service, or with pre-paid mailing envelope from private courier of choice, if Passport with Visa is to be mailed back.
9. Visa fee, according to fee schedule below (non-refundable), payable in cash or money order made payable to "Embassy of the Philippines" (or "Philippine Consulate General", if application is made at one of the Philippine Consulates General in the U.S.). **Personal checks and credit cards are not accepted.**

**For nationals of countries with visa agreement with the Philippines:**

1. Single entry valid for three (3) months US\$ 30.00
2. Multiple entry valid for six (6) months US\$ 60.00
3. Multiple-entry valid for twelve (12) months US\$ 90.00

**For nationals of countries without visa agreement with the Philippines:**

1. Single entry valid for three (3) months US\$ 40.00
2. Multiple entry valid for six (6) months US\$ 80.00
3. Multiple-entry valid for twelve (12) months US\$ 120.00

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**Waiver of Exclusion Ground (WEG) for Certain Minors**

As a rule, minors, who are under 15 years of age and unaccompanied by or not traveling with a parent to the Philippines, are generally excluded from entering the Philippine ports of entry. To avoid exclusion before arrival at Philippine ports, the minor's parent/s or guardian needs to submit an [Affidavit of Request, Consent and Guarantee for the Issuance of Waiver of Exclusion Ground](#), duly-authenticated/acknowledged by the Embassy/Consulate General, to the Bureau of Immigration authorities at the port of entry and pay the waiver fee of P3,120.00 for each unaccompanied minor.

To have the Affidavit of Request, Consent and Guarantee duly-authenticated/acknowledged by the Embassy/Consulate General, please refer to the procedures and requirements for private documents under the [Authentication/Acknowledgment link](#). In addition to the requirements enumerated, please include a copy of the Report of Birth of child, if born abroad, or a copy of the NSO Birth Certificate, if born in the Philippines, or a copy of the Birth Certificate issued by the

Department of Health or the Office of Vital Statistics, if born in the U.S. (originals to be presented), as well as a photocopy of the data page of the passport of the child.

For US citizens and citizens of countries with 30-day visa free privileges who intend to stay longer than 30 days, please see requirements for 9(A) Temporary Visitor's Visa. Except for #6, all visa requirements apply. Proof of financial capacity will be the burden of the parent/s or guardian and not the child.

### 9(C) Seamen

1. Passport of applicant (valid at least 6 months from return date)
2. Duly-accomplished [Non-Immigrant Visa application form](#), typed or printed legibly in black or blue ink, and notarized if sent by mail
3. Travel Itinerary (roundtrip ticket not necessary)
4. One (1) colored photo, 2" x 2", taken within six months before the date of application, showing a clear front view of applicant's face, with a white background. No sleeveless attire. Blurred or low quality photos are not accepted.
5. Letter from Shipping Company
6. [Crew List](#)
7. Self-addressed return envelope, with appropriate stamps for express or priority mail with tracking numbers via US Postal Service, or with pre-paid mailing envelope from private courier of choice, if Passport with Visa is to be mailed back.
8. Visa fee of \$20.00 (non-refundable), payable in cash or money order made payable to "Embassy of the Philippines" (or "Philippine Consulate General", if application is made at one of the Philippine Consulates General in the U.S.). **Personal checks and credit cards are not accepted.**

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### 9(E) Foreign Government Officials

Holders of diplomatic and official U.S. passports who will be traveling to the Philippines on official business for a stay not exceeding 30 days no longer need to apply for a diplomatic or official visa with the Philippine Embassy. However, U.S. government officials must possess passports that are valid for at least six months beyond the contemplated period of stay in the Philippines and a return ticket to the U.S. or to their next country of destination.

1. Passport of applicant (valid at least 6 months from return date)
2. Duly-accomplished [Non-Immigrant Visa application form](#), typed or printed legibly in black or blue ink, and notarized if sent by mail
3. One (1) colored photo, 2" x 2", taken within six months before the date of application, showing a clear front view of applicant's face, with a white background. No sleeveless attire. Blurred or low quality photos are not accepted.  
Letter from US government agency requesting issuance of visa or Note Verbale from US State Department

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5. Self-addressed return envelope, with appropriate stamps for express or priority mail with tracking numbers via US Postal Service, or with pre-paid mailing envelope from private courier of choice, if Passport with Visa is to be mailed back.
6. Visa fee – gratis

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### **Special Non-Immigrant 47(A) (2) visa**

1. Passport of applicant (valid at least 6 months from return date)
2. Two copies of duly-accomplished [Non-Immigrant Visa application forms](#), typed or printed legibly in black or blue ink, and notarized if sent by mail
3. Four (4) colored photos, 2" x 2", taken within six months before the date of application, showing a clear front view of applicant's face, with a white background. No sleeveless attire. Blurred or low quality photos are not accepted.
4. Letter from Foundation or Institute stating that the applicant is connected with such program, which is approved by the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs
5. Two (2) copies of the [Medical Examination Report](#) (FA Form No. 11) duly-accomplished by a licensed physician whose signature must be notarized, and which should not be more than six (6) months from date of application
6. Chest X-ray negative, standard size, to be presented to the Embassy and hand carried to the Philippines
7. Certificate of No Police Record from place of residence of applicant (original and one photocopy)
8. Self-addressed return envelope, with appropriate stamps for express or priority mail with tracking numbers via US Postal Service, or with pre-paid mailing envelope from private courier of choice, if Passport with Visa is to be mailed back.
9. Visa fee – gratis

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## **Immigrant Visa**

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A non-quota immigrant visa may be granted to the spouse and unmarried children under 21 years of age of Philippine citizens (13A) and to former Filipinos who have already acquired foreign citizenships including their spouse and unmarried minor children (13G).

13A and 13 G visa holders are eligible to apply for duty-free shipment to the Philippines.

Processing time for 13A and G visas is two (2) weeks after complete submission of requirements.

### **13(A) Visa**

#### REQUIREMENTS:

1. Passport of applicant (valid at least 1 year from date of application).
2. One (1) original and one (1) photocopy of the duly-accomplished [Immigrant Visa application form](#), typed or printed legibly in black or blue ink
3. Four (4) identical colored photos, 2" x 2", taken within six months before the date of application, showing a clear front view of applicant's face, with a white background. No sleeveless attire. Blurred or low quality photos are not accepted.
4. One (1) original and one (1) photocopy of documentary evidence to prove spouse's Philippine citizenship and to show applicant's relationship to the Philippine citizen, i.e., Philippine passport and marriage contract (original will be returned). NSO Marriage Certificate must be presented if Report of Marriage is not available.
5. [Medical Examination Report](#), duly-accomplished by a licensed physician, which should include his contact details, and which should not be more than six (6) months from date of application, together with laboratory reports (original and one photocopy).
6. Chest X-ray, negative, standard size, or in CD (preferable), to be presented to the Embassy and hand carried to the Philippines.
7. Certificate of No Police Record from place of residence of applicant (original and one photocopy)
8. One (1) original and one (1) photocopy of evidence of sound financial status (e.g. proof of real property, investment/s, bank certification, pension, or notarized Affidavit of Support from a relative in the Philippines, with attached documents to substantiate declaration or claim)
9. Personal appearance for interview
10. Self-addressed return envelope, with appropriate stamps for express or priority mail with tracking numbers via US Postal Service, or with pre-paid mailing envelope from private courier of choice, if Passport with Visa is to be mailed back.
11. Visa fee of \$150.00 (non-refundable), payable in cash or money order made payable to "Embassy of the Philippines" (or "Philippine Consulate General", if application is made at one of the Philippine Consulates General in the U.S.). **Personal checks and credit cards are not accepted.**

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#### 13(G) Visa

#### REQUIREMENTS:

1. Passport of applicant (valid at least 1 year from date of application).
2. Photocopy of Certificate of Naturalization (original to be presented)
3. One (1) original and one (1) photocopy of the duly-accomplished [Immigrant Visa application form](#), typed or printed legibly in black or blue ink  
Four (4) identical colored photos, 2" x 2", taken within six months before the date of application, showing a clear front view of applicant's face, with a white background. No sleeveless attire. Blurred or low quality photos are not accepted.
5. One (1) original and one (1) photocopy of documentary evidence to prove applicant's former Philippine citizenship, as well as proof of legal relationship for foreign spouse and minor

4. children, such as, birth certificate, Philippine passport, marriage contract (original will be returned)
6. **Medical Examination Report**, duly-accomplished by a licensed physician, which should include his contact details, and which should not be more than six (6) months from date of application, together with laboratory reports (original and one photocopy).
7. Chest X-ray, negative, standard size, or in CD (preferable), to be presented to the Embassy and hand carried to the Philippines.
8. Certificate of No Police Record from place of residence of applicant (original and one photocopy)
9. Personal appearance for interview
10. Self-addressed return envelope, with appropriate stamps for express or priority mail with tracking numbers via US Postal Service, or with pre-paid mailing envelope from private courier of choice, if Passport with Visa is to be mailed back.
11. Visa fee of \$150.00 (non-refundable), payable in cash or money order made payable to "Embassy of the Philippines" (or "Philippine Consulate General", if application is made at one of the Philippine Consulates General in the U.S.). **Personal checks and credit cards are not accepted.**

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## **Certificate of Not the Same Person**

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According to the Philippine Bureau of Immigration:

*Not the Same Person* is a document issued to an individual attesting to the fact that s/he is not the person listed and/or included in the Hold Departure Order of the Bureau of Immigration, Watch List Order or Blacklist Order.

### **The requirements under visa issuance, visa extension, student desk, ACR I-card**

1. Application Form duly, accomplished (VCU Form 2, available at [www.immigration.gov.ph](http://www.immigration.gov.ph))
2. Photocopy of General Application Form, duly accomplished (BI Form No. RADJR 2012 from PIA)
3. Affidavit of Denial, duly notarized
4. Photocopy of the applicant's passport (data page and travel stamp page)
5. One 2x2 ID picture
6. If applied by a representative, photocopy of valid ID

### **Walk-in Applicant (Airport Problems Excluded / Offloaded Passenger / DFA Derogatory)**

1. Application Form, duly accomplished (VCU Form 2, available at [www.immigration.gov.ph](http://www.immigration.gov.ph))
2. Court Clearance (cases within Metro Manila)
3. NBI Clearance (cases outside Metro Manila)

4. If either clearances No. 2 and 3 are not available, submit old certificate of Not the Same Person (if there is no additional names listed in the Derogatory records)
5. Affidavit of Denial, duly notarized
6. Photocopy of the applicant's passport (data page and travel stamp page)
7. If applied by a representative, photocopy of valid ID

#### **Out of the Country Applicant (former Filipino/Foreign National)**

1. Application Form, duly accomplished
2. Download a "Not the same person application form" from the Bureau's website at [www.immigration.gov.ph](http://www.immigration.gov.ph) or email the Bureau at [xinfo@immigration.gov.ph](mailto:xinfo@immigration.gov.ph) to request an application form
3. Special Power of Attorney, duly notarized by the Philippine Embassy
4. Photocopy of the applicant's passport (data page and travel stamp page)
5. Philippine National Bureau of Investigation Clearance, certifying that the applicant is not the person who is in the Derogatory List
6. Photocopy of representative's valid ID

## ***Balikbayan Program***

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Under the "Balikbayan Program" of the Philippines, the following persons are considered Balikbayans:

- a Filipino citizen who has been continuously out of the Philippines for a period of at least one year from the date of last departure;
- a Filipino Overseas Worker; and
- a former Filipino citizen who had been naturalized in a foreign country and holds a foreign passport (original proof of former Philippine citizenship, such as old Philippine passport, birth certificate, or foreign naturalization papers showing Filipino nationality **will** be required).

Balikbayans are entitled to the following benefits:

- travel tax exemption
- visa-free entry to the Philippines for a period of one year from the date of arrival in the Philippines
- duty-free shopping privileges up to US\$1,500.00

Family members (spouse and children) of a Balikbayan who are holding foreign passports are also entitled to Balikbayan privileges, on the condition that they:

- travel with the Balikbayan;
- pay any applicable immigration fees; and
- observe and comply with immigration rules and regulations.

(proof of affiliation may be required)

However, a Balikbayan who has acquired the citizenship of a country that falls under the **visa required nationals category** per Philippine visa regulations, or his/her family member whose nationality also falls under the cited category, is not entitled to a Balikbayan privilege and is required to obtain an entry visa to the Philippines.

## ***Visa requirement for foreign spouse and/or children when traveling to the Philippines***

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As long as the foreign spouse and children travel with the *Balikbayan*, they will be entitled to a visa-free entry to the Philippines for a period of one (1) year.

*Note: Documents submitted which are in a foreign language must have an official English translation.*