

Dual Citizenship FAQ

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines wishes to inform that beginning 1 April 2004, it will resume receiving Petitions for Retention and Reacquisition of Philippine Citizenship pursuant to Republic Act No. 9225 otherwise known as the "Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003" and Memorandum Circular No. AFF-04-01, "Rules Governing Philippine Citizenship Under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9225 and Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 91, Series of 2004" issued by the Bureau of Immigration.

Who Are eligible?

All natural born Filipinos who have lost their Philippine citizenship due to naturalization as a citizen of another country may file a Petition for Retention and Reacquisition of Philippine Citizenship on their behalf and that of their unmarried minor children.

What are the requirements for retaining or reacquiring Philippine citizenship?

A. Material or Substantive Requirements

1. The applicant must be a former natural born Filipino;
2. Loss of one's Philippine citizenship must be due to naturalization in a foreign country;
3. The dependent/s of the principal who are retaining or reacquiring their Philippine citizenship together with the latter must be a) minor, and b) unmarried.

B. Formal or Procedural Requirements

1. Petition for Retention and Reacquisition of Philippine Citizenship;
2. The Petition must be made under oath;
3. The Petition must contain the applicant's latest forwarding address;
4. Six (6) recent 2" x 2" photographs of the applicant/s (front view over white background);
5. Philippine issued Birth Certificate, for those born in the Philippines, or; original copy of the Report of Birth (filed with the appropriate Foreign Service Post) and copy of the foreign issued Birth Certificate, for applicants born abroad;
6. Marriage Certificate for married women;
7. Certificate of Naturalization in a foreign country;
8. Foreign issued passport;
9. The taking of an Oath of Allegiance (in prescribed form) before a Vice-Consul, Consul, or Consul General.
10. Fee of US \$ 50.00 and US\$ 25.00 for each dependent.

Where to file the Petition?

If the applicant is in the U.S., he or she may file the Petition with any Philippine Foreign Service Post in the U.S. in accordance with the latter's consular jurisdiction. Please see the attached consular jurisdiction.

If the applicant is in the Philippines, the Petition may be filed with the Bureau of Immigration.

What is the procedure for applying for the retention and reacquisition of Philippine citizenship?

1. A Petition for Retention and Reacquisition of Philippine Citizenship must be filed with the appropriate Consular Post;
2. The Petition must be submitted together with the following:
 - a. Six (6) recent 2" x 2" photographs of the applicant/s (front view over white background);

- b. The Petition must be under oath;
 - c. The Petition must contain the latest forwarding address;
 - d. Philippine issued Birth Certificate, for those born in the Philippines, or; original copy of the Report of Birth (filed with the appropriate Foreign Service Post) and copy of the foreign issued Birth Certificate, for applicants born abroad, or old Philippine passport.
 - e. Certificate of Naturalization in a foreign country;
 - f. Foreign issued passport;
 - g. Fee of US \$ 50.00 and US\$ 25.00 for each dependent.
3. The Petition is referred to an evaluating officer;
 4. If the Petition is complete and in order, the same is referred to the Consul General;
 5. The Consul General issues an Order of Approval for the applicant to proceed with the taking of an Oath of Allegiance;
 6. The evaluating officer schedules the date and time for the applicant to take his or her Oath of Allegiance;
 7. The applicant takes his or her Oath of Allegiance before a Vice Consul, Consul or Consul General.
 8. The Petition together with the supporting documents plus a copy of the Oath of Allegiance is forwarded to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration;
 9. The Embassy/Consulate issues an Identity Card.

Further inquiries on the subject may be made with the Dual Citizenship Secretariat c/o Mr. Silverio Manguerra or Mr. Joey Macatula at the following numbers (202) 467-9387, (202) 467-9382, or Embassy website: www.philippineembassy-usa.org.