

## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SECTION

DFA – Department of Foreign Affairs (Philippines); MFAIC – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Cambodia)

### A. FOREIGN NATIONALS ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PHILIPPINES WITHOUT A VISA FOR SHORT VISITS

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Foreign nationals eligible for to enter the Philippines without a visa for short visits should comply with the following:

- They should have valid tickets for the return journey to their port of origin or to a port of destination outside the Philippines.
- Their passports should be valid for a period of at least six (6) months beyond their contemplated period of stay.

#### 1. HOLDERS OF PASSPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PHILIPPINES WITHOUT A VISA FOR TOURISM OR BUSINESS FOR A VISIT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS

Andorra	Democratic Republic	Italy
Angola	of the Congo	Jamaica
Antigua and Barbuda	Denmark	Japan
Argentina	Djibouti	Kenya
Australia	Dominica	Kiribati
Austria	Dominican Republic	Kuwait
Bahamas	Ecuador	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Bahrain	El Salvador	Latvia
Barbados	Equatorial Guinea	Lesotho
Belgium	Eritrea	Liberia
Benin	Estonia	Liechtenstein
Bhutan	Ethiopia	Lithuania
Bolivia	Fiji	Luxembourg
Botswana	Finland	Madagascar
Brazil	France	Malawi
Brunei Darussalam	Gabon	Malaysia
Bulgaria	Gambia	Maldives
Burkina Faso	Germany	Mali
Burundi	Ghana	Malta
Cambodia	Gibraltar	Marshall Islands
Cameroon	Greece	Mauritania
Canada	Grenada	Mauritius
Cape Verde	Guatemala	Mexico
Central African Republic	Guinea	Micronesia
Chad	Guinea Bissau	Monaco
Chile	Guyana	Mongolia
Colombia	Haiti	Morocco
Comoros	Honduras	Mozambique
Congo	Hungary	Myanmar
	Iceland	Namibia

Costa Rica	Indonesia	Nepal
Cote d'Ivoire	Ireland	Switzerland
Cyprus	Israel	Thailand
Czech Republic	Saint Lucia	Togo
Netherlands	Saint Vincent and the	Trinidad and Tobago
New Zealand	Grenadines	Tunisia
Nicaragua	Samoa	Turkey
Niger	San Marino	Tuvalu
Norway	Sao Tome and	Uganda
Oman	Principe	United Arab Emirates
Palau	Saudi Arabia	United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern
Panama	Senegal	Ireland
Papua New Guinea	Seychelles	United Republic of Tanzania
Paraguay	Singapore	United States of America
Peru	Slovakia	Uruguay
Poland	Slovenia	Venezuela
Portugal	Solomon Islands	Vietnam
Qatar	Somalia	Zambia
Republic of Korea	South Africa	Zimbabwe
Romania	Spain	
Russia	Suriname	
Rwanda	Swaziland	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Sweden	

**2. HOLDERS OF PASSPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PHILIPPINES WITHOUT A VISA FOR TOURISM OR BUSINESS FOR A VISIT NOT EXCEEDING 59 DAYS**

- Brazil
- Israel

**3. HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING PASSPORTS ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PHILIPPINES WITHOUT A VISA FOR TOURISM OR BUSINESS FOR A VISIT NOT EXCEEDING 7 DAYS**

- Hong Kong Special Administrative (SAR) passports
- British National Overseas (BNO) passports
- Portuguese Passports issued in Macao
- Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) passports

**IMPORTANT NOTE :**

Nationals who are the subjects of deportation or blacklist orders of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Bureau of Immigration shall not be admitted to the Philippines.

**B. TEMPORARY VISIT VISA – Sec. 9(a)**

For foreign nationals proceeding to the Philippines for a legitimate, non-immigrant purpose such as sightseeing, sports, health, family reasons, short-term training or study (excluding enrollment in schools for the purpose of obtaining a title or degree), religious pilgrimage, business, cultural and scientific purposes.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Personal appearance
- Accomplished visa application form

- Original and Photocopy of current passport or travel document valid for at least six (6) months beyond the intended period of stay in the Philippines
- Photocopy of valid visa in Cambodia
- Two(2) 4.5cm x 3.5cm color ID photographs showing the subject in proper or decent attire and taken not earlier than six (6) months before the application for a visa (attach photograph to the application)
- Copy of travel itinerary/confirmed flight details in the Philippines (including return or onward journey to the next port of destination)
- Copy of confirmed hotel booking in the Philippines
- Copy of bank statement or proof of financial capacity
- Other document/s as may be required by the Consular Section to support the application

Additional requirement for visa-required nationals:

- Notarized letter of invitation from sponsor in the Philippines
- Copy of tenancy contract and work permit (applicant is a legal resident of Cambodia)
- Other document/s as may be required by the Consular Section to support the application

\*\*Payment of the Visa Processing Fee is NOT a guarantee of the approval of the applicant's visa. The Embassy reserves the right to deny applications. The Embassy is not under any obligation to provide reasons for the exclusion of applicants.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – *For applicants 15 years old or less who will be traveling unaccompanied by either parent*

TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN CAMBODIA – Affidavit of Support and Consent

- Affidavit of Support and Consent signed by the parent/s or legally appointed guardian of the child, naming therein the person who will be accompanying the child to the Philippines and with whom the child will stay while in the country. The Affidavit must be duly notarized by a Cambodian notary public and attested by the MFAIC then authenticated by the Philippine Embassy in Phnom Penh
- Photocopy of the child's passport
- Photocopy of the child's Birth Certificate
- Photocopy of parent/s or guardian's (as the case may be) passports.
- Fees – USD 25

TO BE UNDERTAKEN UPON ARRIVAL IN THE PHILIPPINES – Application for Waiver of Exclusion Grounds (WEG)

- Affidavit of Support and Consent (indicated above)
- Photocopy of the child's passport
- Photocopy of the passport of the accompanying adult or guardian
- Fees – PHP 3,120 per child (to be paid at the Bureau of Immigration at the port of entry)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – *For foreign nationals planning to take up a short-term non-degree course in the Philippines*

Foreign students who wish to take up a short-term non-degree course like language and computer courses may enter the Philippines on a Temporary Visit 9(a) visa.

Upon acceptance by the school or institution authorized by the Bureau of Immigration to

accept foreign students, the student should apply for a Special Study Permit at the Student Desk of the Bureau of Immigration and submit the following documents:

- Letter request
- Certificate of Acceptance from the school accredited by the Bureau of Immigration to accept foreign students
- Photocopy of passport reflecting the applicant's authorized period of stay
- Affidavit of Support and Proof of Financial Capacity
- Birth Certificate

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – *For foreign nationals on board Privately-owned Yachts or Sailboats*

Foreign nationals traveling to the Philippines on board privately-owned yachts and sailboats are required to apply for a Temporary Visit 9(a) visa.

The visa application should include the following particulars of the yacht or sailboat and its crew members:

- Crew List
- Nationality/Citizenship
- Passport details of the crew
- Vessel to be used for entry: type, name, registration, call sign, and other particulars
- Estimated date of entry into the Philippine territory
- Port/Area of entry (Philippine waters)
- Estimated period of stay in the Philippines
- Character reference/shipping agent in the Philippines (if any)
- Purpose of visit

Upon entry into the Philippines, the crew of the yacht and sailboats are required to register immediately with the nearest Coast Guard Station and submit the yacht or sailboat to Customs, Immigration and Quarantine inspections.

#### C. STUDENT VISA – Sec. 9(F)

The Student Visa is issued to an applicant who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has been accepted for a course of study (college-level or higher) at a university, seminary, academy, college or school that has been approved for foreign students by the Commissioner of Immigration

Accordingly, the student applicant must first correspond with the school of his interest and comply with its institutional requirements.

The school shall then forward the application package to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for approval. Once approved, the application package shall be endorsed by CHED to the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID).

Upon approval, it will be forwarded to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) which will then issue instructions to the Embassy for issuance of the Student Visa.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Personal appearance
- Two originals of duly accomplished application form
- Original passport valid not less than six months beyond intended period of stay in the Philippines
- Two (2) 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm color ID photographs showing the subject in proper or decent attire and taken not earlier than six (6) months before the application for a visa (attach photograph to the application)

- Original and one (1) photocopy of birth certificate authenticated by the Embassy
- Original and one (1) photocopy of affidavit of support executed by parent/s or legal guardian authenticated by the Embassy
- Two (2) photocopies of parent/guardian's passport data page
- Original and one (1) photocopy of transcript of records authenticated by the Embassy
- Original and one (1) photocopy of certificate of good moral character authenticated by the Embassy
- Original and one (1) photocopy of police certificate authenticated by the Embassy
- Original and one (1) photocopy of medical examination reports, including X-ray film contained in an envelope authenticated by the Embassy
- Duly accomplished Personal History Statement forms from the school concerned
- Original and one (1) photocopy of comprehensive list of student's possible contact persons in the Philippines
- For applicants pursuing graduate studies, a college or university diploma is also required. The diploma must also be authenticated by the Embassy
- Fees – USD 250 (not including cost of authentication of relevant documentary requirements listed above)
- Processing Time – Ten (10) working days

#### D. SEAMAN'S VISA – Sec. 9(c)

##### REQUIREMENTS

- Original Passport or Travel Document valid for at least six (6) months beyond the intended period of stay in the Philippines
- Duly accomplished Visa Application form
- Two (2) 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm color ID photographs showing the subject in proper or decent attire and taken not earlier than six (6) months before the application for a visa (attach photograph to the application)
- Travel Itinerary
- Letter from the shipping company
- Fees – USD 20
- Processing Time – Ten (10) working days

#### E. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL – Sec. 9(e)

Holders of Cambodian diplomatic and service traveling to the Philippines on official business may enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding 30 days.

However, Cambodian 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 Cambodia or to their next country of destination.

##### REQUIREMENTS

- Passport of applicant (valid at least 6 months from return date)
- Duly-accomplished visa application form
- Two (2) 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm color ID photographs showing the subject in proper or decent attire and taken not earlier than six (6) months before the application for a visa (attach photograph to the application)
- Note Verbale from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFAIC) or a letter from the relevant Cambodian ministry or agency endorsing the applicant
- Fees – Gratis
- Processing Time – Three (3) working days

F. SPECIAL NON-IMMIGRANT VISA – Sec. 47(a)(2)  
REQUIREMENTS

- Passport of applicant (valid at least 6 months from return date)
- Duly-accomplished visa application form
- Two (2) 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm color ID photographs showing the subject in proper or decent attire and taken not earlier than six (6) months before the application for a visa (attach photograph to the application)
- Letter of endorsement from foundation, institute, or organization accredited in this category
- Fees – Gratis
- Processing Time – Five (5) working days

G. OTHER VISA CATEGORIES

Foreign nationals applying for visas to the Philippines under other categories, such as those listed hereunder, may inquire about application requirements at the CONSULAR SECTION.

- 9(B) Transit
- 9(D) Treaty Traders
- 9(G) Pre-Arranged Employees
- Special Investors Resident Visa
- Special Resident Retiree's Visa
- 13(A) Spouse and unmarried children (under 21 years of age) of Philippine citizens
- 13(G) Filipinos who have already acquired foreign citizenship (including spouse and unmarried minor children)

H. EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF STAY

Foreign nationals who wish to extend their period of stay in the Philippines should report to the Bureau of Immigration and file the appropriate application for extension of stay.

More information regarding visas and immigration regulations are available at the Bureau of Immigration website – [www.immigration.gov.ph](http://www.immigration.gov.ph)