

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON CONSULAR SERVICES

1. What are the Passport renewal requirements?

The procedure and requirements for passport renewal may be found here:

<https://philembassy.org.au/consular/passport>

2. I wish to travel to the Philippines for more than 30 days, how do I apply for a visa?

Please click this link to access the **Online Visa Application System (OVAS)** - <https://www.visa.gov.ph>. Once the application is submitted, the applicant will receive a visa application receipt confirmation. This is only the initial procedure and does not mean that the visa is being processed. The applicant will then contact the Embassy's Visa Section for the next steps, which may include submission of additional documentary requirements, the conduct of an interview, among others. The Temporary Visitor's Visa 9(a) has a three month validity and a period of stay for 59 days (for visa-free nationals under E.O. 408).

Please note that Foreign nationals **MUST NOT** finalize travel itineraries until after receipt of visas. The Embassy will not be liable for any missed flights due to proximity of intended travel date.

3. Where can I apply for an extension of my visa?

In case of a temporary visitor's visa holder whose stay in the Philippines will exceed the authorized period of stay, he/she will have to report to the Bureau of Immigration, secure an extension of stay and pay the corresponding immigration fees. Information on fees for extension of stay and other Immigration fees are available at the Bureau of Immigration website (www.immigration.gov.ph).

4. I would like to apply to re-acquire my Philippine Citizenship, but I already lost my Philippine passport?

An applicant may still be able to apply for the Petition Under Oath to Re-acquire/Retain Philippine Citizenship Under R.A. 9225 without a copy of old Philippine passport by executing an affidavit of Lost in the nearest Philippine Foreign Service Post in your state/territory or at the Philippine Embassy in Canberra. Affidavit of Lost Form, please see:

<https://dms.philembassy.org.au/index.php/website/download-forms/affidavit-and-spa/43-affidavit-of-loss/file>

5. How do I apply for Report of Birth/Report of Marriage/Report of Death?

You may send your application through mail or personally file your application to the Philippine Embassy in Canberra. For more information, please follow this link : <https://www.philembassy.org.au/consular/civil-registry>

6. What is the Affidavit of Support and Guarantee that is being submitted/shown by some Filipinos to Philippine Bureau of Immigration officials upon departure from the Philippines?

The Affidavit of Support and Guarantee is an additional supporting document that MAY be asked for by Philippine Bureau of Immigration officials as they implement the Department of Justice's Circular 036-2015 - Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) Revised Guidelines on Departure Formalities for International Bound Passengers. A sample form may be obtained here: (link to downloadable forms, Affidavit to be uploaded in this section).

For further information, please follow this link - https://immigration.gov.ph/images/ImmigrationLaw/2017_Feb/18_2015Jun15_IACAT_RevisedGuidelines.pdf - or contact the Philippine Bureau of Immigration:

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