

# Visa Guidelines

## WHAT IS A PHILIPPINE VISA?

A Philippine Visa is an endorsement made on a passport/travel document by a consular officer at a Philippine Embassy or Consulate denoting that the visa application has been properly examined and that the bearer is permitted to proceed to the Philippines and request permission from the Philippine Immigration authorities at the ports of entries to enter the country. The visa thus issued is not a guarantee that the holder will be automatically admitted into the country, because the admission of foreign nationals into the country is a mandate of the immigration authorities at the port of entry.

## WHERE TO APPLY FOR ENTRY VISAS?

It may apply at the Embassy of the Philippine in Paris or any Philippine Honorary Consulate in France, at the following addresses.

Consular Section  
Embassy of the Philippines  
4 hameau de Boulainvilliers  
75016 Paris  
Tel. 01 44 14 57 00  
Fax 01 44 14 57 03  
[www.philembassyparis.com](http://www.philembassyparis.com)  
Email: [ambaphilparis@wanadoo.fr](mailto:ambaphilparis@wanadoo.fr)

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
31, rue Tastet  
33000 Bordeaux  
Tel. 05 56 24 77 61  
Fax 05 56 24 98 05  
Email: [Philippines.Bordeaux@avoues.com](mailto:Philippines.Bordeaux@avoues.com)

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
5, place Antonin Poncet  
69002 Lyon  
Tel. 04 78 42 04 63  
Fax 04 78 37 10 92

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
2, rue Mascaron  
13006 Marseille  
Tel. 04 91 75 72 98  
Fax 04 91 56 45 51

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
43, rue Hérold  
06000 Nice  
Tel. 04 93 16 26 41  
Fax 04 93 16 26 41

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
Cabinet MORVILLIERS-SENTENAC  
18 rue Lafayette  
31000 Toulouse  
Tel. 05 62 27 50 50 & 58  
Fax 05 62 27 50 52  
Email: [philippines.toulouse@msgw.com](mailto:philippines.toulouse@msgw.com)

Philippine Honorary Consulate General  
"Est-Ouest"  
24, boulevard Princesse Charlotte  
98000 Monaco  
Tel. 377 93 30 10 10  
Fax 337 93 30 52 07

Honorary Consulates could only issue the following visas:

- 9(a) pleasure/tourist
- 9(a) business
- 9(b) transit
- 9(c) seaman

## **DEFINITION OF A FOREIGN TOURIST (TEMPORARY VISITOR)**

A "foreign tourist" is defined as a person who is proceeding to the Philippines for a legitimate, nonimmigrant purpose such as sightseeing, sports, health, family reasons, training or study (excluding enrollment in schools for the purpose of obtaining a title or degree), religious pilgrimage, business, cultural and scientific purposes.

## **GUIDELINES ON THE ENTRY OF TEMPORARY VISITORS TO THE PHILIPPINES**

Nationals from countries listed below who are traveling to the Philippines for business and tourism purposes are allowed to enter the Philippines without visas for a stay not exceeding twenty-one (21) days, provided they hold valid tickets for their return journey to port of origin or next port of destination and their passports valid for a period of at least six (6) months beyond the contemplated period of stay. However, Immigration Officers at ports of entry may exercise their discretion to admit holders of passports valid for at least sixty (60) days beyond the intended period of stay.

Nationals from the following countries are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a period of stay of twenty-one (21) days or less:

<i>Andorra</i>	<i>Burundi</i>
<i>Angola</i>	<i>Cambodia</i>
<i>Antigua and Barbuda</i>	<i>Cameroon</i>
<i>Argentina</i>	<i>Canada</i>
<i>Australia</i>	<i>Cape Verde</i>
<i>Austria</i>	<i>Central African Republic</i>
<i>Bahamas</i>	<i>Chad</i>
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>Chile</i>
<i>Barbados</i>	<i>Colombia</i>
<i>Belgium</i>	<i>Comoros</i>
<i>Benin</i>	<i>Congo</i>
<i>Bhutan</i>	<i>Costa Rica</i>
<i>Bolivia</i>	<i>Cote d'Ivoire</i>
<i>Botswana</i>	<i>Cyprus</i>
<i>Brazil*</i>	<i>Czech Republic</i>
<i>Brunei Darussalam</i>	<i>Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>Denmark</i>
<i>Burkina Faso</i>	<i>Djibouti</i>

*Dominica*  
*Dominican Republic*  
*Ecuador*  
*El Salvador*  
*Equatorial Guinea*  
*Eritrea*  
*Estonia*  
*Ethiopia*  
*Fiji*  
*Finland*  
*France*  
*Gabon*  
*Gambia*  
*Germany*  
*Ghana*  
*Gibraltar*  
*Greece*  
*Grenada*  
*Guatemala*  
*Guinea*  
*Guinea Bissau*  
*Guyana*  
*Haiti*  
*Honduras*  
*Hungary*  
*Iceland*  
*Indonesia*  
*Ireland*  
*Israel\**  
*Italy*  
*Jamaica*  
*Japan*  
*Kenya*  
*Kiribati*  
*Kuwait*  
*Lao People's Democratic Republic*  
*Latvia*  
*Lesotho*  
*Liberia*  
*Liechtenstein*  
*Lithuania*  
*Luxembourg*  
*Madagascar*  
*Malawi*  
*Malaysia*  
*Maldives*  
*Mali*  
*Malta*  
*Marshall Islands*  
*Mauritania*  
*Mauritius*  
*Mexico*  
*Micronesia*  
*Monaco*  
*Mongolia*  
*Morocco*  
*Mozambique*  
*Myanmar*  
*Namibia*  
*Nepal*  
*Netherlands*  
*New Zealand*  
*Nicaragua*  
*Niger*  
*Norway*  
*Oman*  
*Palau*  
*Panama*  
*Papua New Guinea*  
*Paraguay*  
*Peru*  
*Poland*  
*Portugal*  
*Qatar*  
*Republic of Korea*  
*Romania*  
*Russia*  
*Rwanda*  
*Saint Kitts and Nevis*  
*Saint Lucia*  
*Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*  
*Samoa*  
*San Marino*  
*Sao Tome and Principe*  
*Saudi Arabia*  
*Senegal*  
*Seychelles*  
*Singapore*  
*Slovakia*  
*Slovenia*  
*Solomon Islands*  
*Somalia*  
*South Africa*  
*Spain*  
*Suriname*  
*Swaziland*

Sweden  
Switzerland  
Thailand  
Togo  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Tuvalu  
Uganda  
United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland  
United Republic of Tanzania  
United States of America  
Uruguay  
Venezuela  
Vietnam  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

*\*The following are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding fifty-nine (59) days:*

- 1. Holders of Brazil passports; and*
- 2. Holders of Israel passports*

*The following are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding fourteen (14) days:*

- 1. Holders of Hong Kong Special Administrative (SAR) passports*

*The following are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding seven (7) days:*

- 1. Holders of British National Overseas (BNO) passports*
- 2. Holders of Portuguese Passports issued in Macao*
- 3. Holders of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) passports*
- 4. All Chinese nationals (with valid and current American, Japanese, Australian, Canadian or Schengen Visa)*

**Important Note:**

- *Entry visa is required for all foreign nationals not included in the abovementioned list.***
- *Nationals who are subjects of deportation/blacklist orders of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs and the Bureau of Immigration shall not be admitted to the Philippines.***

## **STANDARD PROCEDURE/MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING A TEMPORARY VISITOR'S VISA**

Applicants for temporary visitor's visa should normally apply at the Philippine Embassy or Consulate that has jurisdiction over their place of residence. While some visa applicants may apply at any Philippine Embassy or Consulate abroad, others are only allowed to apply his/her visa at the Philippine Embassy or Consulate in his country of origin or legal residence.

Visa requirements are as follows:

- duly-accomplish visa application form
- original passport + a photocopy of the data page
- 1 passport size picture
- a letter from the company (for business entry visa)
- a photocopy of the recent bank statement (for minors / students – Parents' [Affidavit of Support and Proof of Financial Capacity](#))
- photocopy of the round-trip plane ticket/s or reservations
- a photocopy of *titre de sejour* for resident alien citizen (*some restrictions may apply, please call the Consular Section for verification, tel. 01 44 14 57 02 / 12*)
- payment for visa (ex: € 30 euros for single entry visa valid for three months), cash or postal money order, payable to the order of the Philippine Embassy
- to send back the documents through post, please send a self-addressed envelope with prepaid registered mail stamps.

## **OTHER VISA/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS**

- **Minor children below 15 yrs. old traveling to the Philippines unaccompanied by or not joining a parent in the Philippines**

A Waiver of Exclusion Ground (WEG) Under Section 29(a)(12) of the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, as amended is required for children below 15 yrs. old who are traveling to the Philippines unaccompanied by or not joining his/her parent/s to the Philippines.

The WEG Order will be issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BI) at the port of entry upon submission by the WEG applicant of the following requirements:

1. Affidavit of consent by either parent 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 said Affidavit must be duly notarized by a local notary public or the consular officer at the Philippine Embassy or Consulate in the applicant's country or residence;
2. Clear photocopy of the data page of the child's passport;
3. Clear photocopy of the data page of the passport of the accompanying adult or guardian; and
4. Payment of immigration fees (currently, P3,120.00 per child).

- **Foreign Newsmen, Journalists and Cinema/Television Groups**

Foreign newsmen and journalists visiting the Philippines in pursuit of their profession are required to apply for a temporary visitor's visa. The following are additional requirements for visa application of foreign newsmen, journalist, cinema/television groups:

1. Curriculum vitae of newsmen/journalists;
2. Shortlist of work credits;
3. Copy of one (1) sample article written by the applicant;
4. Background of media organization, including target market/audience, circulation, format; and
5. Administrative arrangements for the work in the Philippines, as follows:
  - a. List of members of the reportorial team, nationality and passport details;
  - b. Planned itinerary and activities, with storyline for any films to be made;
  - c. List of equipment to be brought by each team member, with certification from the media organization that said equipment will be re-exported at the end of the trip to the Philippines;
  - d. Flight details (arrival and departure); and
  - e. For each team member, one (1) photograph, sixe 1"x1", to be submitted to the International Press Center (IPC) for the issuance of accreditation card.

Upon arrival in the Philippines, the newsmen/journalists will have to report to the IPC for accreditation.

- **Foreign Nationals who wish to take up a short-term non-degree course**

Foreign students who wish to take up a short-term non-degree course must apply for a temporary visitor's visa. Upon arrival in the Philippines and acceptance by the school/institution authorized by the Bureau of Immigration to accept foreign students, he/she should apply for a Special Study Permit at the Bureau's Student Desk, together with the following documents:

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

## **EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZED PERIOD OF STAY IN THE PHILIPPINES**

In case of a temporary visitor's visa holder whose stay in the Philippines will exceed the authorized period of stay (example: 59 days), 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](http://www.immigration.gov.ph)).

**SCHEDULE OF VISA FEES:**

€20.00 – single entry (Seaman)

€30.00 – single entry, valid for three (3) months

€40.00 – single entry, valid for three (3) months (for Visa Required Nationals)

€60.00 – multiple entries, valid for six (6) months