## ANNOUNCEMENT-14-2022

## ON PHILIPPINE ENTRY REGULATIONS STARTING 01 APRIL 2022 (PER IATF RESOLUTION 165 DATED 24 MARCH 2022)



28 March 2022 - Further to Public Advisory <u>No. 12</u>, <u>No. 11</u>, <u>No. 10</u>, and <u>No. 09</u>, the public is advised of the following entry regulations into the Philippines per the relevant resolutions of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases:

 Resumption of <u>visa-free entry privilege</u> for Swiss and Liechtenstein nationals and other nationals covered by Executive Order No. (EO) 408 for a maximum stay of 30-days in the Philippines. The list of countries under <u>EO 408</u> can be viewed from this DFA <u>link</u>.

Any extension of the said maximum 30-days stay is within the purview of the Bureau of Immigration (BI), which has the sole mandate and prerogative regarding the entry and stay of foreigners into the Philippines. Applications for extension of stay while in the Philippines must be lodged directly with the BI.

- 2. Resumption of <u>Balikbayan Visa Privilege</u> for the legal spouse or children of Philippine nationals and/or former Philippine nationals <u>travelling with</u> the said Philippine national or former Philippine national. More information the on Balikbayan Visa privilege can be viewed from: <u>https://immigration.gov.ph/faqs/visa-inquiry/balikbayan-privilege</u>.
- 3. All foreign nationals entering the Philippines must be fully vaccinated, except only for foreign minor children below 12 years of age travelling with their fully vaccinated foreign parent/s.

The Swiss COVID-19 vaccination certificate and the WHO Carte Jaune are accepted in the Philippines as proof of vaccination. The Certificate of *Genesen* or Recovery is not accepted in the Philippines.

- 4. Present a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours or a negative laboratory-based Antigen Test taken within twenty -four (24) hours, prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding layovers; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over;
- 5. The issuance of <u>an Entry Exemption Document (EED)</u> by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Manila <u>is no longer</u> required prior to the issuance of a visa for categories 9(a), 9(g) or 47(a)(2) starting 01 April 2022.

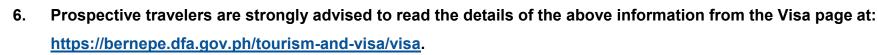
Foreign nationals with valid and subsisting EED issued prior to 01 April 2022 shall be allowed entry pursuant to Section C of IATF Resolution 160-B.





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- 7. Application and visa issuance for 13(a), i.e. Non Quota Immigrant Visa, remains suspended.
- 8. All incoming travelers are also required to register with the One Health Pass (<u>https://www.onehealthpass.com.ph/</u>) prior to your arrival in the Philippines. The One Health Pass is administered by the Bureau of Quarantine and is free of charge.
- 9. All queries regarding vaccination status, vaccination certificate, One Health Pass and other queries on vaccination and quarantine must be directed to the Philippine Department of Health (DOH) / Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) regarding the One Health Pass. Their details are as follows:

Websites / Facebook

DOH - <u>https://doh.gov.ph/;</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/OfficialDOHgov</u> BOQ - https://quarantine.doh.gov.ph/

For the full text of IATF Resolution 165, please visit:

https://mirror.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2022/03mar/20220324-IATF-RESO-165-RRD.pdf

Due to the high volume of queries and the limited number of Embassy personnel, all clients inquiring about entry regulations in the Philippines and / or visa issuance are strongly encouraged to regularly monitor updates in the Philippine Embassy website and Facebook Page, <u>and</u> inquire by email at <u>berne.pe@dfa.gov.ph</u>.

Please be guided accordingly.





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