

Philippine Embassy

Berne, Switzerland

CHECKLIST FOR CONSULAR SERVICES (as of 06 November 2022)

NAME OF APPLICANT:

Contact Number and Email:

VISA

IMPORTANT:

The information below can be also viewed from <https://bernepe.dfa.gov.ph/tourism-and-visa/visa>

1. Visa-free entry privilege 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 resumed on 10 February 2022. The list of countries under EO 408 can be viewed at the following DFA weblink: <https://dfa.gov.ph/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa>

To check if you will require a visa to enter the Philippines, please select the country that issued your passport from a drop-down menu at the bottom of the page: <https://dfa-oca.ph/services/visa/>

Any extension of the said maximum 30-day or 59-day stay is within the purview of the Bureau of Immigration (BI), which has the sole mandate and prerogative regarding the entry, stay and exit of foreigners into the Philippines. Applications for extension of stay while in the Philippines must be lodged directly with the BI. Please visit the BI website / weblink on non-immigrant visa (Temporary 9A visa):

<https://immigration.gov.ph/#>

<https://immigration.gov.ph/faqs/extensionofstay>

All temporary visitors (except those availing themselves of the Balikabayan Privilege) are required to have valid tickets for their return journey to the port of origin or next port of destination corresponding to their permitted/allowable duration of stay in the country under a valid visa or visa-free entry, as the case maybe.

2. Balikbayan Visa Privilege for the legal spouse or children of Philippine nationals and/or former Philippine nationals travelling with the said Philippine national or former Philippine national also resumed on 10 February 2022. More information on the Balikbayan Visa privilege can be viewed from:

<https://immigration.gov.ph/faqs/visa-inquiry/balikbayan-privilege>

3. The application for and issuance by the Embassy of the Non Quota Immigrant Visa - [13(A)] visa has also resumed.

A 13(A) Visa is a single-entry visa, which is initially valid for one (1) year, can be issued to the qualified non-Filipino spouse (including Swiss) of a Filipino citizen. It may be renewed in the Philippines for three (3) consecutive years and on the fourth year, the applicant may apply for permanent residency in the Philippines.

For the application form and requirements, please view: <https://bernepe.dfa.gov.ph/tourism-and-visa/visa>

4. The following are the **entry regulations into the Philippines per the IATF Resolution No. 2, Series of 2022 dated 04 October 2022**. A copy of which can be viewed / downloaded from:
<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2022/10/04/resolution-no-2-s-2022/>.

A. Fully vaccinated individuals:

All fully vaccinated individuals shall no longer be required to undergo pre-departure testing.

Individuals shall be deemed fully vaccinated only if he/she is compliant with the following requisites:

1. Received the second dose of a 2-dose series or a single dose COVID-19 vaccine more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date and time of departure from the country/port of embarkation.
2. Possess and present any of the following proofs of vaccination:
 - World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis (WHO Carte Jaune)
 - VaxCertPH
 - National or state manual/digital vaccination certificate of the country/foreign government
 - Other proof of vaccination

B. Unvaccinated, Partially Unvaccinated, or Whose Vaccination Status cannot be independently validated:

1. Individuals fifteen (15) years or older shall present a remotely supervised, or a laboratory-based rapid antigen negative test result administered and certified by a healthcare professional in a healthcare facility, laboratory, clinic, pharmacy, or other similar establishment 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 lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over.
2. Individuals fifteen (15) years or older who fail to present negative pre-departure testing with conditions set forth above, shall be required to undergo a laboratory-based rapid antigen negative test administered and certified by a healthcare professional in a healthcare facility, laboratory, clinic, pharmacy, or other similar establishment taken upon arrival at the airport.
3. Accompanied minors below fifteen (15) years of age who are not vaccinated for any reason whatsoever shall follow the quarantine protocols of their parent/s or an accompanying adult/guardian traveling with them.
4. Unaccompanied minors below fifteen (15) years of age who are not vaccinated for any reason whatsoever shall follow the protocols set forth in Section B (1) and (2) above.

C. Any inbound traveler who shall test positive for COVID-19 through rapid antigen test shall be subjected to the latest prevailing quarantine and isolation protocols of the Philippine Department of Health (DOH)

The above information are also posted on the following sites:

---- The Embassy's [ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 34- 2022](#) - ON PHILIPPINE ENTRY REGULATIONS BEGINNING 04 OCTOBER 2022

-- BI's [Revised Guidelines per IATF Res. 2-2022](#) dated 06 November 2022

-- BI's [Advisory](#) dated 06 November 2022

-- BI's [Facebook page](#) post dated 06 November 2022

5. A health insurance coverage for foreign travellers is *highly recommended* but no longer required.

6. Applications for Tourist Visa (9A) for 30 or 59 days can be applied for and be issued by the Embassy. All visa applications must be initially lodged online through the Online Visa Application System (OVAS), i.e., <https://www.visa.gov.ph/>

Note that submitting the application form through the portal does NOT mean your visa is already in process. After submitting online, applicants need to print and sign the generated visa application form and send it together with the appropriate documents, based on the visa category, by registered mail (*Einschreiben*) to the Philippine Embassy.

7. The Embassy is not authorized to process applications for SRRV (Special Resident Retiree's Visa) and SIRV (Special Investor's Resident Visa) or renewals thereof, including Alien Certificate of Registration (ACR). Please directly contact the concerned agency.

For SRRV, the Philippine Retirement Agency at <https://pra.gov.ph/>

For SIRV, the Board of Investment at <https://boi.gov.ph/ufags/special-investors-resident-visa/> or

<https://boi.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/SIRV-FAQ.pdf>

For the ACR, the Bureau of Immigration at <https://immigration.gov.ph/services/alien-registration/acr-i-card-issuance> and/or <https://immigration.gov.ph/faqs/acr-i-card>

*Again, please view the information at <https://bernepe.dfa.gov.ph/tourism-and-visa/visa>

**Applications must be submitted at least three (3) weeks from the intended date of travel.*

** The Embassy only accepts cash payments in Swiss Francs (CHF).*

TEMPORARY VISITOR'S 9(a) VISA		Check (✓) to confirm availability for submission
1	Passport valid for 6 months beyond the intended period of stay in the Philippines.	
2	One (1) photograph (size: 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm), taken within the last 6 months	
3	Duly-signed system generated visa application form generated from https://www.visa.gov.ph/	
4	Photocopy of airline ticket with portion indicating return travel or onward travel to another country or a travel confirmation from the travel agency	
5	For visitors travelling for business purpose: Document issued by the endorsing agency or inviting agency in the Philippines	
6	Copy of Swiss Residency Permit (for visa-required nationals only)	
7	<p>Fee:</p> <p>CHF 30.00 - for single entry visa (maximum 59 days each entry) valid for entry within 3 months from the date of the issuance)</p> <p>CHF 40.00 - Single entry visa (maximum 59 days each entry) for nationals not listed in EO 408 (visa-required nationals)</p> <p>CHF 60.00 - for multiple entry visa (maximum 59 days each entry) valid for multiple entry within 6 months from the date of issuance)</p> <p>CHF 90.00 - for multiple entry visa (maximum 59 days each entry) valid for multiple entry within one year from the date of issuance)</p> <p>Plus (+) CHF10.00 - Expedite Fee</p> <p><i>The Embassy only accepts cash payments in Swiss Francs (CHF).</i></p>	

8	Self-addressed envelope with postal stamps worth CHF6.50 (minimum, for registered mail) for the return of the document. Please ensure that the envelope size is appropriate for the documents to be returned. <i>Cost of stamps for registered mail may vary depending on the weight of the documents and destination of mail. Please secure the needed stamps from the Post Office.</i>	
SPECIAL NON-IMMIGRANT 47(A)(2) VISA		Check (✓) to confirm availability for submission
1	Duly accomplished and signed Application for Non-Immigrant Visa (FA Form No. 2-A) (Note: application should not be sent through the Philippine Visa Online Portal)	
2	Passport valid for six (6) months beyond the intended period of stay in the Philippines, and one (1) copy of the passport data page	
3	One (1) photograph (size: 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm) taken within the last 6 months	
4	Contract of agreement between the local sponsor and foreign national (applicant)	
5	Appointment of foreign national (applicant) by the host or receiving organization, institution or foundation.	
6	Proof of financial support	
7	Confirmed airline ticket	
8	Fee: Visa fee: To be determined based on the classification / program of the applicant CHF 25.00 - Notarials (if any) <i>The Embassy only accepts cash payments in Swiss Francs (CHF).</i>	
	Note: Applicant should present/submit the original and one (1) copy of item numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7 above.	
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For additional information and/or documentary requirements, please check

<https://bernepe.dfa.gov.ph/tourism-and-visa/visa> and/or

https://immigration.gov.ph/images/Advisory/2022/11_Nov/2022Nov06_advisory.pdf

**The Embassy does not process applications with incomplete documents. Original and copies are required.*

**The Embassy reserves the right to require additional document/s from the client/s.*

**For clarifications or other concerns regarding visa, please send an email to: bernepe.visa@dfa.gov.ph.*