

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Philippine Embassy in Mexico is open **MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00AM TO 5:00PM** except for certain Mexican or Philippine Holidays. Embassy closures are announced on the Facebook page. If we did not announce a closure, we are open.

PASSPORTS

What are the requirements for passport renewal?

For renewal of E-Passport (with chip logo in the front):

- Passport Application Form (may be filled out at the Embassy)
- Copy of the photo page of the most recently issued passport
- Prepaid self-addressed envelope, if you opt to not pick up your passport at the Embassy
- Cost is 1410 MXN

For renewal of older passports (Green, Brown, no chip):

- Birth certificate
- Government ID (your foreign government ID will suffice if it notes you are Filipino)

Do I need an appointment for passport renewal?

No. We accept passport renewals and requests for other consular services on a walk-in basis.

How long does the appointment take?

Data capturing will take an average of thirty minutes.

When will my passport be ready?

Passports are issued and printed in Manila. It takes approximately 4-6 weeks for passports to be ready, pending no investigations or additional supporting documents needed. The Embassy receives passport shipments on Mondays, and posts passport releases on its Facebook page. If your name is not on the list, your passport has not arrived.

Please ensure you leave ample time for passport renewal before your next scheduled travel or expiration of your passport. The Embassy does not rush passport renewals for any reason.

I would like to change my name in my passport (for married/divorced women)

Please bring a copy of your marriage certificate or your divorce ruling along with your passport renewal documents.

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VISAS

Do I need a visa to come to Mexico?

THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN MEXICO DOES NOT ISSUE VISAS FOR MEXICO.

Please see the below information provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. We cannot guarantee that this information is updated, so please kindly check with your nearest Mexican Embassy or Consulate on the below information.

All foreign visitors, regardless of their nationality, traveling to Mexico for tourism, business or in transit to another destination, are exempt from presenting a Mexican visa as long as they have a valid visa issued by any the following countries: Canada, Japan, the United States of America, the United Kingdom or any of the countries comprising the Schengen Area.

Visitors on cruise ships

Visitors who travel on cruise ships that disembark at any Mexican port to visit the port and surrounding zones and embark on the same ship to continue their voyage, **do not require a visa** and will have collective permission under the category of “visitor without permission to conduct remunerated activities”, for a period of 21 calendar days.

Do I need a Visa to visit the Philippines?

Nationals holding passports from the following countries may enter the Philippines **visa-free** for a period **not exceeding thirty (30) days**:

Andorra	Costa Rica	Haiti	Marshall Island
Angola	Cote d'Ivoire	Honduras	Mauritania
Antigua & Barbuda	Croatia	Hungary	Mauritius
Argentina	Cyprus	Iceland	Mexico
Australia	Czech Republic	Indonesia	Micronesia
Austria	Democratic Republic of Congo	Ireland	Monaco
Bahamas	Denmark	Israel (59 days stay)	Mongolia
Bahrain	Djibouti	Italy	Morocco
Barbados	Dominica	Jamaica	Mozambique
Belgium	Dominican Republic	Japan	Myanmar
Belize	Ecuador	Kazakhstan	Namibia
Benin	El Salvador	Kenya	Nepal
Bhutan	Equatorial Guinea	Kiribati	Netherlands
Bolivia	Eritrea	Republic of Korea	New Zealand
Botswana	Estonia	Kuwait	Nicaragua
Brazil (up to 59 days)	Ethiopia	Kyrgyzstan	Niger
Brunei Darussalam	Fiji	Laos	Norway
Bulgaria	Finland	Latvia	Oman
Burkina Faso	France	Lesotho	Palau
Burundi	Gabon	Liberia	Panama
Cambodia	Gambia	Liechtenstein	Papua New Guinea
Cameroon	Germany	Lithuania	Paraguay
Canada	Ghana	Luxembourg	Peru
Cape Verde	Greece	Madagascar	Poland
Central African Republic	Grenada	Malaysia	Portugal
Chad	Guatemala	Malawi	Qatar
Chile	Guinea	Maldives	Romania
Colombia	Guinea-Bissau	Mali	Russia
Comoros	Guyana	Malta	Rwanda

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St. Lucia	South Africa	Thailand	Uruguay
Samoa	Spain	Togo	Uzbekistan
San Marino	St. Kitts and Nevis	Trinidad & Tobago	Vanuatu
Sao Tome and Principe	St. Vincent & the	Tunisia	Vatican
Saudi Arabia	Grenadines	Turkey	Venezuela
Senegal	Suriname	Turkmenistan	Vietnam
Seychelles	Swaziland	Tuvalu	Zambia
Singapore	Sweden	Uganda	Zimbabwe
Slovak Republic	Switzerland	United Arab Emirates	
Slovenia	Tajikistan	United Kingdom	
Solomon Islands	Tanzania	USA	

Foreign nationals holding the following Passports are allowed to enter the Philippines **visa-free** for a period **not exceeding seven (7) days**:

- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passports
- British National Overseas Passports
- Macau-Portuguese Passports
- Macau Special Administrative Region Passports
- Chinese nationals with a valid Australian, Canadian, Japanese or US Visa

What are the requirements to apply for a tourist visa?

Please refer to the Embassy's page on Visas. In general, the below is required for visas:

1. Duly accomplished visa application form
2. One (1) passport size picture
3. Passport (validity must not be less than six months)
4. Itinerary of travel and copy of ticket to and from the Philippines
5. Hotel booking in the Philippines or Invitation letter
6. Proof of financial capacity (bank statement)
7. Certificate of Employment indicating salary and length of service

Kindly e-mail mexicope.consular@dfa.gov.ph indicating your nationality and purpose of stay to learn the appropriate fees for your visa.

Certificates of Not the Same Person

Certificates of Not the Same Person (NTSP) are issued by the Bureau of Immigration attesting that the bearer is not the same person included in the Bureau's Black List, Watch List and Hold Departure List.

Foreigners and those not in the Philippines wishing to secure an NTSP may assign a representative to process the same at the Bureau of Immigration's main office in Intramuros. Further information may be obtained at www.immigration.gov.ph

I want to stay in the Philippines longer than 30 days, is this possible?

Visa-free nationals intending to visit the Philippines longer than 30 days are advised to secure a 9(a) visa. The maximum period of stay the Embassy may issue for visas is 59 days. Those wishing to stay for a longer period may look at requirements from the Bureau of Immigration: <http://immigration.gov.ph/visa-requirements/non-immigrant-visa/temporary->

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[visitor-visa/extension-of-authorized-stay-beyond-59-days](#). The maximum period of stay granted will be between two to three years, depending on your nationality.

Short Term and Provisional Work Permits

The Bureau of Immigration issues Special Work Permits (SWP) to tourists who engage in short-term employment. The maximum validity is three (3) months. SWPs are issued to foreign nationals who engage in employment arrangements as enumerated below:

1. Professional athletes, coaches, trainers and assistants
2. International performers with exceptional abilities
3. Artists, performers and their staff who perform before an audience for a fee, subject to compliance with the requirements of the concerned agency, office or body or agency
4. Service suppliers coming to perform temporary services and do not receive salary or other remuneration from a Philippine source other than expenses incidental to their temporary stay
5. Treasure hunters authorized search for hidden treasure with permits from the concerned government agencies
6. Movie and television crews authorized to film in the country
7. Foreign journalists practicing their professions or covering a specific event in the country
8. Trainees assigned in government institutions, government owned and controlled corporations and private entities
9. Lecturers, researchers trainers and others pursuing academic work who are assigned in schools, universities, educational and research institutions, government agencies and other entities with or without compensation
10. Religious missionaries
11. Commercial models and talents
12. Culinary specialists
13. Professionals
14. Consultants

Tourists may only be given an SWP for a maximum of six months, non-renewable.

Provisional Work Permits (PWP) are issued to tourists who are currently processing their 9(g) employment visa.

The Philippine Embassy reminds foreign nationals that **tourists working in the country without an SWP or PWP are considered to be in violation of immigration regulations** of the Republic of the Philippines.

For further inquiries, please visit the Bureau of Immigration's website.

Who is eligible for the Balikbayan Privilege?

Nationals of visa-free entry countries who are family members of a returning Filipino citizen or former Filipino citizen (*balikbayan*) may enter the Philippines **visa-free for a maximum stay of one (1) year** from the date of their arrival provided they are traveling with the Balikbayan.