

Visa Requirements

Requirements for Issuance of 9(e) Visa (for diplomatic and official passports):

1. Official written communications from the Foreign Missions via Note Verbale/Letter of Endorsement from the requesting Foreign Embassy/Consulate/International Organization accredited in the Philippines, stating the following:
 - a. Particulars of the applicant
 - b. Official designation
 - c. Expected departure from country of origin
 - d. Expected duration of assignment or temporary visit to the Philippines
 - e. Complete name and designation of the official in Mission being replaced, if applicable
 - f. Purpose of Travel
 - g. In the case of qualified dependents, that the visa applicant is traveling to the Philippines to join and live with the principal for the duration of the principal's assignment
2. Duly filled out application form (with photograph)
3. Clear photocopy of the visa applicant's passport
4. Copy of the previously issued 9(e) visa, if applicable
5. Supporting documents to establish family ties, marital union, employee-employer relations, etc., as may be deemed necessary in order to properly ascertain appropriate visa type per existing rules and regulations

Requirements for Issuance of 9(a) Temporary Visitor's Visa

1. Duly accomplished visa application form (FA Form No. 2) with a passport-size photograph taken during the last six (6) months
2. Passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond authorized period of stay in the Philippines
3. Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
4. For business purposes, Letter from employer or sponsor (which may be the inviting party in the Philippines) indicating the specific purpose of travel, length of stay (inclusive of dates), and company guarantee for all moral and financial obligations to be incurred by the applicant while in the Philippines
5. Proof of financial capacity (any of the following)
 - Bank statement of the latest six (6) months
 - Employment certificate with remuneration
 - Proof of business income
 - Letter of guarantee from the sponsor with proof of financial capacity
6. Documents proving ties to the home country/country of residence (any of the following)
 - Employment certificate
 - Property document
7. Itinerary
8. Hotel accommodation or proof of lodging
9. For minors not travelling with a parent/guardian (additional requirement):
 - Letter of permission from a parent/guardian

For other visa types, please visit the nearest Philippine Embassy or Consulate for details.

Additional information for foreign nationals arriving in the Philippines

All arriving visitors to the Philippines are required to register with the Philippines eTravel online Health Declaration and Contact Tracing platform via this link prior to their flight: <http://etravel.gov.ph>

All foreign and Filipino travelers (including infants and children) should register individually to the e-Travel at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the intended date of arrival. The Bureau of Immigration shall no longer require the paper-based arrival card effective 05 December 2022.

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