

CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND RE-ACQUISITION ACT OF 2003 (R.A. 9225)

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.C. NO. AFF. 05-002 ISSUED BY THE PHILIPPINE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION

Who are qualified to reacquire Philippine citizenship under RA 9225?

"..Natural-born citizens of the Philippines who have lost their Philippine citizenship by reason of their naturalization as citizens of a foreign country are hereby deemed to have re-acquired Philippine citizenship upon taking the oath of allegiance to the Republic." (Section 3, RA 9225)

PROCEDURE:

1. The applicant accomplishes the application form entitled "Petition for Re-acquisition of Philippine Citizenship" pursuant to RA 9225 (Series of 2003).
2. The applicant submits the following documents, ***the original copies of which shall be presented:***
 2. a. A photocopy of at least one of the following documents:
 - a) Philippine Birth Certificate;
 - b) Old Philippine Passport;
 - c) Marriage Contract indicating the Philippine citizenship of the applicant;
 - d) Voter's affidavit or voter's identification card; or
 - e) Such other documents that would show that the applicant is a former natural born citizen of the Philippines as may be acceptable to the evaluating officer.
 - 2.b. **In addition to the above**, a photocopy of Certificate of Naturalization or in the absence of the same, an affidavit explaining the circumstances by which the foreign citizenship was acquired.
3. If the name of the applicant in the birth certificate or other documents submitted is different from that in his foreign passport and other documents, the applicant shall execute an affidavit explaining such difference and attach, as supporting documents, at least two (2) public or private documents showing the correct name of the applicant, ***the original copy of which shall be presented.***
4. For each of the applicant's minor children who is below eighteen (18) years of age, each beneficiary shall submit photocopies of the following documents, ***the original copies of which shall be presented:***
 - a) Birth certificate; and
 - b) Foreign passport
5. The applicant attaches to the application two (2) recent 2" x 2" photographs showing the front view. The beneficiary children are not required to submit photographs.
6. If the applicant is a Bureau of Immigration (BI) registered alien, he shall surrender the original ACR and ICR/CRTV, or in its absence, an affidavit explaining the loss of said documents for transmittal to the BI.
7. The applicant pays a processing fee of US\$50.00 for himself and \$25.00 for each beneficiary. The payment shall be in cash, bank draft or money order payable to the Philippine Consulate General.
8. After payment, the Consulate will process the applicant's application. The applicant is required to sign the Oath of Allegiance prepared by the Consulate.

9. After the applicant takes his oath before a Consular Officer, he will receive the original copy of his notarized oath of allegiance together with an Order of Approval issued by the Consulate, and the corresponding Identification Certificate.
10. The Consulate forwards to the BI in Manila the petition and supporting documents, including oath of allegiance, order of approval, ACR and ICR/CRTV (if any).

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