



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



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ONLINE VISA APPLICATION SYSTEM

14 January 2022, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs the public that all **Temporary Visitor Visa (9(a))** applications will be processed via the Department of Foreign Affairs' Online Visa Application System (OVAS). Concerned visa applicants must, therefore, lodge their application through the ff link:

<https://www.visa.gov.ph>

OVAS applicants will receive a confirmation email with an **Applicant Reference Number (ARN)**. Applicants must forward this email to the Visa Section of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles: visa_pcgla@earthlink.net for further instructions on: (1) submission of additional documentary requirements, (2) payment of the visa fee, etc.

Given the current pandemic-related Philippine regulations on entry, only the following foreign nationals may apply for a *9(a) Temporary Visitor Visa*:

1. Foreign spouses of Filipino nationals;
2. Foreign parents of minor Filipinos and of Filipino children with special needs;
3. Foreign minor children and foreign children with special needs of Filipinos;
4. Other foreign nationals as authorized by the Department of Foreign Affairs (with an Entry Exemption Document or EED).

Other Conditions

- Only **single-entry** applications will be considered. Multiple-entry visa applications will automatically be **rejected**;
- Applications filed through OVAS or the email confirmation with ARN **do NOT constitute an approved visa**. Applicants must still courier their passport, visa fee payment and other supporting documents to the Consulate General **after** receiving further instructions through email;
- Applications received starting 01 January 2022 that were not lodged through OVAS will immediately be rejected and returned to sender.

BALIKBAYAN PRIVILEGE

The Consulate General reminds the public that the **foreign national spouse and/or child of a Filipino citizen** may enter the Philippines **visa free** as long as they are **traveling with the Filipino citizen**, and they are nationals of EO 408 countries. The United States is included in this list. Please consult the Bureau of Immigration website for further clarification.

For further queries and clarifications, please contact the Consulate General's Visa Section at visa_pcgla@earthlink.net.