



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## PUBLIC ADVISORY ON EXEMPTION FROM THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF VISA-FREE PRIVILEGES

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago wishes to inform the public that through Resolution No. 85 dated 26 November 2020 of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases, and with reference to Republic Act No. 6768, as amended, the following shall be exempted from the temporary suspension of visa-free privileges starting **07 December 2020**:

1. Filipino citizens' foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, **who are travelling with them**; and
2. Former Filipino citizens, together with their foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, **who are travelling with them**;

Please note that the visa-free entry of the above-mentioned foreign nationals shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. They must be nationals permitted/allowed to enter the country visa-free under Executive Order No. 408 and 1960;
2. They must have a pre-booked quarantine facility;
3. They must have pre-booked COVID-19 testing at a laboratory operating at the airport; and
4. They are subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port entry and during the date of entry.

Further, the entry of the above-mentioned foreign nationals shall be subject to the implementing guidelines to be issued by the Bureau of Immigration.

Other foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals who do not belong to the above categories, are still subject to existing travel restrictions. They may apply for visas, as appropriate, provided that they are exempted from the temporary suspension of visa issuance, as outlined in previous Foreign Service Circulars (FSC).

Apart from the above-mentioned categories of foreign nationals, pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 84 dated 19 November 2020, foreign nationals who are holders of the following valid visas may be allowed entry into the country, adding to the list indicated in IATF Resolution No. 80 dated 22 October 2020 and prior IATF Resolutions.

### Foreign nationals with the following visas:

1. Section 13 Series of Commonwealth Act (CA) No. 613, as amended
  - 13 Quota, 13(a), 13(b), 13(c), 13(d), 13(e), 13(g) visas
2. RA 7917 visa
3. EO 324 visa
4. Native Born visa
5. Temporary Resident visa relative to Section 13 of CA 613, as amended (based on Memorandum Order (MO) No. ADD-01-038/ADD-02-015)
6. MCL-07-021 Permanent Resident Visa based on Section 13(a) of CA 613 under MO No. MCL-07-021
7. EO 226 visa
8. Special Investor's Resident Visa (SIRV) under EO 226 (not applicable to SIRV under EO 63)
9. 47(a)2 visa issued by the Department of Justice
10. International Treaty Trader and Treaty Investor Visa under Section 9(d) of CA No. 613, as amended
11. 9(e) visa issued to Foreign Government Officials
12. 9(a) visa issued by authority of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs
13. 9(c) visa issued to foreign seafarers/shipcrew members

### Foreign nationals with visas issued by the following economic zones (upon compliance with 4 IATF conditions):

14. Aurora Pacific Economic Zone (APECO)
15. Subic Bay Metropolitan Zone (SBMA)
16. Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB)
17. Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA)
18. Clark Development Corporation (CDC)

For visa-related questions, please do not hesitate to email us at [chicagopcg.visa@att.net](mailto:chicagopcg.visa@att.net).

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