

## STUDENT VISA 9(f)

**Who May Apply for a Student Visa** - The applicant must be "a student, having means sufficient for his education and support in the Philippines, who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and who seeks to enter the Philippines temporarily and solely for the purpose of taking up a course of study higher than high school at a university, seminary, academy, college or school, approved for such foreign students by the Commissioner of Immigration."

### PROCEDURE

- A. The foreign student communicates with a school in the Philippines authorized to accept foreign students and complies with the school's institutional requirements, including submission of the following documents **duly authenticated by the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago**:
1. A duly notarized Affidavit of Support or proof of adequate financial support to cover expenses for the student's accommodation and subsistence, as well as school dues and other expenses;
  2. Transcript of Records/Scholastic Records;
  3. Personal History Statement;
  4. Certificate of Good Moral Character from the principal/head of school he/she obtained his/her degree;
  5. An applicant to a Philippine medical school shall submit his/her National Medical Admission Test (NMAT) score.
- B. The school, satisfied with the student's compliance with its requirements, issues a Notice of Acceptance (NOA) to the student and submits a duplicate copy thereof to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) together with a certified true copy of the Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) Certificate of Eligibility of Admission (CEA), where necessary the original copy of the student's Personal History Statement, proof of adequate financial support, and copies of the student's scholastic records. These documents shall be hand carried to the DFA by the school's designated Liaison Officer.
- C. The DFA endorses the documents to the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago for the issuance of the student visa. Request for issuance of visa in places other than the student's country of origin or legal residence shall not be entertained.
- D. The Philippine Consulate General, Chicago notifies the student of the receipt of the documents and requests him/her to appear in person before a Consular Officer, bringing his/her copy of the school's Notice of Acceptance, for interview and submission of all documentary requirements listed as follows:
1. Valid Passport
  2. Application for Non-Immigrant Visa (FA Form No. 2-A) to be accomplished in triplicate

3. Six (6) 2"x2" photographs of the applicant (front view, plain white background and signed at the right hand side of the photographs)
4. Medical Certification duly accomplished by any physician. Must be submitted together with chest x-ray film or CD and laboratory reports (original and two photocopies) of urine (urinalysis), stool (ova/parasites and occult blood) and blood (routine)
5. Police Clearance Certificate (original and two photocopies)
6. List of at least three names of contact persons of the applicant in the Philippines with their addresses and telephone numbers (three copies)
7. Itinerary of Travel
8. Visa fee of \$250 in cash or money order payable to the Philippine Consulate General, Chicago

**The Consulate General will only issue Student Visa 9(f) upon prior authorization from the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila.**