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Bureau of Immigration Circular on the Issuance of Student Visa to Foreign Nationals

The Consulate General of the Philippines would like to inform the public that the Philippine's Bureau of Immigration has issued **Memorandum Circular No. SBM-2015-007**, entitled ***Prescribing Comprehensive Rules and Guidelines on Student Visa under Sec 9(F)*** of Commonwealth Act No. 613 dated 19 May 2015.

The said Circular aims to rationalize, harmonize and liberalize all rules, procedures and guidelines in the entry and stay of foreign students to attract more foreign students to come to the Philippines by providing an efficient and effective system in the processing and approval of Student Visas and Special Study Permits, but without compromising national security.

A copy of the circular will be made available at the Consulate's website.

For more details on this and other visa matters, the public may contact the Philippine Consulate General at telephone no. (312) 583-0621 ext. 13 or chicagopcg@att.net.

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