



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE 2018 FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER (FSO) EXAMINATION

The Consulate General of the Philippines is pleased to announce the holding of the **2018 Foreign Service Officer (FSO) Examination** to recruit candidates for appointment to the position of Foreign Service Officer, Class IV.

Applicants for the examination must be knowledgeable in the economic, political and social conditions in the Philippines, and must possess not only facility in oral and written communications but also the personality traits essential to the performance of the duties of Foreign Service Officers. Applicants should be natural-born Filipino citizens and permanent residents of the Philippines. They should also not be more than thirty-five (35) years of age on the day of the Qualifying Test.

The FSO Examination is composed of five (5) parts:

- (1) Qualifying Test;
- (2) Preliminary Interview;
- (3) Written Test;
- (4) Psychological Test; and
- (5) Oral Test.

The Board of Foreign Service Examinations of the Department of Foreign Affairs will conduct the Qualifying Test for the 2018 FSO Examination on 28 January 2018. Attached is the application form and requirements which may also be downloaded from the DFA website (www.dfa.gov.ph).

Interested applicants are invited to personally submit to the Consulate General their duly accomplished application forms **not later than 01 December 2018**. Applications shall no longer be accepted beyond the set deadline.

The Consulate General highly encourages those who are qualified to apply in order for the Philippine Government to be able to make use of the talents of the best Filipino minds for the Foreign Service.

For more information, please contact the Consulate General's Cultural Officer, Anna Liza F. Alcantara, at telephone no. (312) 583-0621 ext. 13 or email the Consulate at chicagopcq@att.net. **END**

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**Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
BOARD OF FOREIGN SERVICE EXAMINATIONS**

APPLICATION FOR THE 2018 FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER EXAMINATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All questions must be answered fully in the applicant's own handwriting in "**black ink pen**", with all blanks filled-in. A line or dash is not deemed an answer. If the entry is not relevant or there is no answer, please write N/A.
2. The applicant must complete all the necessary requirements indicated in the examination announcement, attaching said documents securely to this application.
3. If more space is needed for the answers to some questions, the applicant may use a clean sheet of **8 ½ in. x 13 in. (long bond) paper**. Follow the same format as in the application form and number the answers accordingly.
4. Duly accomplished notarized application form should be submitted as follows:
 - For those submitting to the BFSE Secretariat, DFA Main Office, Manila, one (1) duly accomplished notarized application form with attachments;
 - For those submitting to the DFA Regional Consular Offices or to Philippine Embassies/Consulates, one (1) duly accomplished notarized application form with attachments and one (1) photocopy of the complete set of documents.
5. Application forms shall be duly accomplished by the applicants and submitted in person, not later than **01 December 2017** at any Regional Consular Office or Philippine Embassy or Consulate abroad, and not later than **08 December 2017 until 5:00 p.m. only** at the DFA Main Office. **Applications shall no longer be accepted beyond the set deadlines.**
6. Incomplete application forms shall not be accepted.
7. Any false, misleading or fraudulent statements knowingly made by the applicant shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation of his/her test papers, removal from office if already appointed, and prosecution for perjury.
8. Applicants who do not follow the foregoing instructions shall not be allowed to take the Foreign Service Officer Examinations.

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(4.5 x 3.5 cm.)

NOTE: The Career Service Examination for Foreign Service Officer (CSE-FSO) shall serve as the Foreign Service Officer Examination – Qualifying Test and shall be conducted in collaboration with the Civil Service Commission (CSC). Those who pass the CSE-FSO shall be conferred the Career Foreign Service Officer Eligibility by the CSC and shall qualify for the next phase of the FSO Examination.

1. Name: _____
Surname *First Name* *Middle Name* *Name Extension (Jr/Sr/II)*
2. Place of birth: _____ Date of birth: _____
Age: _____ Sex: _____
Citizenship(s): _____ Religion: _____
3. Civil Status: _____
If Married, name of spouse: _____
Surname *First Name* *Middle Name*
Citizenship(s) of spouse: _____
 - In case of a Muslim, please enumerate name and citizenships of all spouses (Use separate sheet if necessary)
 - In case of a foreigner spouse, the application will be brought to the attention of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, for approval. Additional documentary requirements may be required from the applicant.
4. Home address: _____

Period of Residency: From _____ To _____
Home telephone number: _____ Mobile number: _____
Email Address: _____
Office address: _____

Office telephone number: _____

5. Educational attainment: *(Use separate sheet if necessary)*

| Degree/s Received | College/University | Inclusive Dates |
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6. Present Employment: *(Use separate sheet if necessary)* Government Private None

| Agency/Office | Position/Job Title | Length of Experience in Present Employment | Status of Employment |
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7. Previous Employment: *(Use separate sheet if necessary)*

| Agency/Office | Address | Position/Job Title | Length of Experience in Present Job/Position | Reason for Leaving |
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8. Civil Service / Board / Bar / Other Government Examinations Passed *(Use separate sheet if necessary)*

| Name of Examination | Rating | Date of Examination | Place of Examination |
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9. Character References: Give the names of three (3) Filipino citizens of good standing who can vouch for your good moral character (exclude relatives).

| NAME | ADDRESS/TELEPHONE OR MOBILE NO. | OCCUPATION |
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10. Have you ever been accused of, indicted or tried, for violation of any law, ordinance or regulation, before any court, military or police tribunal, or other similar authority? Yes No

If yes, give the date of the complaint or indictment and state fully the nature of the offense. A certified copy of the order or decision of the court or tribunal shall be submitted with this application.

11. In case you pass the Foreign Service Officer Examinations, will you assume your position within one (1) year after you have been notified of your appointment as FSO IV by the President of the Philippines, and do you agree that refusal or failure to do so within the specified period would result in the dropping of your name from the roster of eligible applicants?

Yes No

12. In case you are appointed as a Foreign Service Officer, are you willing and able to accept assignment to any post where your services may be required? Yes No

13. **For applicants with more than one citizenship.** In case you pass the Foreign Service Officer Examinations, will you subscribe and swear to an oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines and its duly constituted authorities, and renounce your allegiance to all other countries? Yes No Not Applicable

14. Have you taken the Foreign Service Officer Examinations before? Yes No

If yes, state how many times you have taken the following FSO component examinations and the dates of those examinations.

1. Qualifying Test _____
2. Preliminary Interview _____
3. Written Test _____

4. Psychological Test _____
 5. Oral Test _____

15. Foreign Language Test. Please check the foreign language you wish to be examined in.

- Arabic Bahasa Indonesia Chinese French
 German Japanese Spanish

16. Please check the testing center where you intend to take the Qualifying Test.

- Bacolod City General Santos City Puerto Princesa City
 Baguio City Iloilo City Tacloban City
 Cagayan de Oro City Lipa City Tuguegarao City
 Calasiao, Pangasinan Legazpi City San Fernando City, La Union
 Cebu City Lucena City City of Sn Fernando, Pampanga
 Davao City Metro Manila Zamboanga City

17. From where/whom did you first learn about the 2018 Foreign Service Officer (FSO) Examinations? Please put a check mark on the space beside all applicable answer/s.

- DFA website DFA employees Newspaper advertisement/s
 CSC/PIA or other official Government website Friends/relatives I have taken the exam before
 Blogs/unofficial websites Others (please specify) _____

18. What is your main reason/motivation for taking the FSO Examination? Please put a check mark on the space beside your corresponding answer. If you have more than 1 answer, rank them from 1-5 with 1 as the main reason.

- Pursue a career in the government Academic background/training
 Opportunity to work overseas Explore opportunities for professional growth
 Others (please specify) : _____

I understand that the BFSE reserves the right not to conduct the Qualifying Test in any of the above-mentioned testing centers depending on the number of qualified examinees thereat.

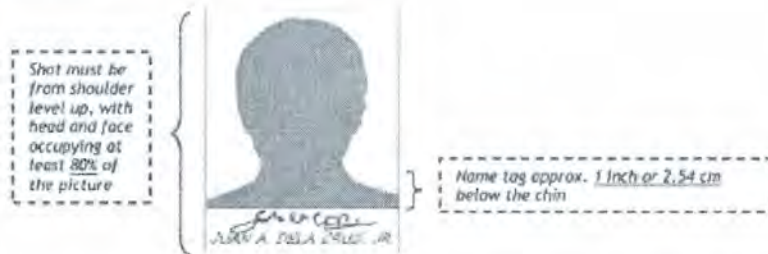
I hereby agree to pay a non-refundable admission fee of P500.00 before taking the Qualifying Test upon acceptance of my application.

I hereby attach the following documents/requirements as integral parts of this application:

1. Photocopy of transcript of records from college or university, bearing seal of the college or university.
2. Photocopy of diploma or certificate of graduation.
3. Proof of past or present employment or further studies.
4. Photocopy of birth certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority
 - For those born abroad: Report of Birth at Post may be submitted in case no birth record is available at Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The Report of Birth shall be duly authenticated by the issuing Post. A certification of non-availability of said birth certificate from the PSA shall be submitted along with the Report of Birth.
 - For a Philippine citizen who has dual or multiple citizenships: a notarized affidavit stating that upon passing the examination, he/she intends to renounce his/her oath of allegiance to his/her other countries of citizenship; he/she must also submit a notarized affidavit stating that he/she is a permanent resident in the Philippines.
5. For married applicants: Photocopy of marriage certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority. If married to a foreigner, he/she must secure from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, through the Board of Foreign Service Examinations, authority to take the FSO Examinations.

- Ten (10) pieces photographs: 4.5cm. x 3.5cm.; colored, with white background; taken within three (3) months prior to filing of application; printed on good quality photo paper; in standard close-up shot; in bare face; showing the full frontal view of the face of the applicant; **with the applicant's full and handwritten (not computer generated) name tag in the format: First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, and extension name (if any) and signature over printed name.**

Photograph format:



(For photograph details, please refer to Civil Service Commission (CSC) webpage - <http://csc.gov.ph/2014-02-27-07-36-50/2014-02-27-07-37-12.html> (item no. 2); and,

- Copies of two (2) valid identification cards (IDs), with the originals to be presented upon submission.

OATH OF APPLICANT

I, _____, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, hereby declare that the foregoing answers to the questions in this application to take the Foreign Service Officer Examinations are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; that I have not knowingly made any false, misleading or fraudulent statement; and that I understand that any false, misleading or fraudulent statement knowingly made by me shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation of my examination papers, removal from office if already appointed, and prosecution for perjury. I hereby accept all decisions made by the Board of Foreign Service Examinations pertinent to my application.

Signature of Applicant over Printed Name

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____ at _____, Affiant displaying to me his/her Residence Certificate No. _____ or Passport No. _____ issued at _____ on _____

Notary Public/
Administering Officer