

**PHILIPPINE EMBASSY- BERNE, SWITZERLAND
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QUOTA IMMIGRANT VISA INFORMATION FORM

The Philippines allows the admission of quota immigrant not exceeding fifty (50) annually of any nationality whose country has diplomatic relations with the Philippines or grants the same immigration privilege to Filipino citizens.

The Philippine consular representative abroad shall investigate and certify the eligibility of a quota immigrant previous to his admission into the Philippines. Qualified and desirable aliens who are in the Philippines under temporary stay may be admitted within the quota, subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 9 of the Philippine Immigration Act. ¹

Qualifications for Quota Immigrant Visa

Under Section 13 of this Act, the following are eligible to apply for quota immigrant visa:

1. The wife of the husband or the unmarried child under twenty-one (21) years of age of a Philippine citizen;
2. A child of alien parents born during the temporary visit abroad of the mother;
3. A child born subsequent to the issuance of the immigration visa of the accompanying parent, the visa not having expired;
4. A woman who lost her Philippine citizenship because of her marriage to an alien or by reason of the loss of Philippine citizenship by her husband;
5. A person previously lawfully admitted into the Philippines for permanent residence, who is returning from a temporary visit abroad to an un-relinquished residence in the Philippines;
6. The wife or the husband or the unmarried child under twenty-one (21) years of age, of an alien lawfully admitted in the Philippines for a permanent residence prior to the date on which this Act becomes effective and who is a resident therein;
7. A natural born citizen of the Philippines, who has been naturalized in a foreign country (as amended by Republic Act No. 4376)

Requirements for Filing Quota Immigrant Visa Application

1. Three (3) sets of duly-accomplished Immigrant Visa application form (FA Form No.3)
2. Passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond the authorized period of stay in the Philippines
3. Two (2) coloured 4.5 x 3.5 cm ID photographs taken during the last six (6) months

¹ An alien, his wife and his unmarried children under twenty-one (21) years of age previously admitted into the Philippines under pre-arranged employment must depart voluntarily to some foreign country and secure from the appropriate Philippine consul the proper visa and thereafter undergo examination by immigration officials at a Philippine port of entry for determination of his admissibility in accordance with the requirements.

4. Affidavit of financial capacity and proof of investment in the Philippines of at least Forty Thousand US Dollars (USD 40,000.00)
5. Proof of applicant's special qualification (eg., University diploma/academic degree/certificate/license from concerned issuing authority in Switzerland; awards; certificates of recognition, and other documents attesting to applicant's special qualifications, skills or knowledge) which has advanced or will advance the Philippines' national interest
6. Has no record of any derogatory information against him in any local or foreign law enforcement agency
7. Has sufficient financial capacity to support a family and will not become a public charge
8. Police clearance issued by concerned police authorities in the applicant's country of origin or legal residence, authenticated by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate having consular jurisdiction over the place (this requirement may be waived if the applicant has stayed in the Philippines for more than two (2) years, in which case, other clearances from concerned authorities in the Philippines such as the National Bureau of Investigation [NBI] will be required from the applicant)
9. Medical health certificate issued by an authorized physician including a standard sized chest x-ray. A duly accomplished medical examination form (FA Form No. 11)
10. Other documents that may be required by the consular official

Procedure for Filing Quota Immigrant Visa Application

1. An applicant files a quota immigrant visa and petitions for quota allotment at the Philippine Embassy/Consulate of the country of which he is a citizen. It may also be filed in the place where the applicant is a resident.
2. Upon fulfilment by the applicant of the necessary requirements, the Philippine Embassy or Consulate shall transmit said documentary requirements to the Bureau of Immigration (BI), through the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila, for further evaluation, and issuance of authority to issue an immigrant visa to the applicant.
3. Upon receipt by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate of authority from the BI, an immigrant visa will be issued to the applicant, including a sealed envelope containing a set of the photocopy each of the documentary requirements submitted by the applicant. The applicant shall present the sealed envelope to the Immigration official upon arrival in the Philippines.

Note: For the requirements for conversion of non-immigrant visa to quota immigrant visa, please visit the website of the Philippine Bureau of Immigration at www.immigration.gov.ph.

For further queries, please contact the Philippine Embassy in Berne at (E) info@philembassyberne.ch or (T) 031 350 1717, or the Philippine Consulate General in Geneva at (E) geneva.pm@dfa.gov.ph or (T) 022 716 1930.