



ADVISORY ON THE PARTIAL LIFTING OF SUSPENSION OF VISA ISSUANCE EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 2021

The Philippine Embassy is pleased to inform the public of the **PARTIAL** lifting of the suspension of visa issuance to foreign nationals, effective 1 August 2021:

1. Foreign spouses, parents, and children of Filipino citizens, whether or not travelling with their Filipino principals, may now apply for a 9(a) visa at the Embassy, subject to usual application requirements, without the need of an Entry Exemption Document issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs.
2. The Embassy will resume the issuance of 9(g) and 47(a)(2) visas, subject to the following:

For 9(g) visa:

- a. Applications for 9(g) visas shall be filed through a Philippine-based employer. Long-term works (i.e. more than six months employment) must apply through their Philippine-based employers for an Alien Employment Permit (AEP) with the regional offices of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as a pre-requisite for 9(g) issuance;
- b. Applications for 9(g) for qualified individuals shall be lodged with the Bureau of Immigration (BI), which will convey to the Department of Foreign Affairs-Office of Consular Affairs (OCA) the authority to issue said visas for approved applicants, for onward transmittal to the Embassy.
- c. The Embassy shall issue the 9(g) visa upon receipt of the authority from DFA-OCA.

For 47(a)(2) visa:

- a. 47(a)(2) visas shall be issued ONLY to foreign workers who are required to be in the country for foreign-funded government projects (i.e. transportation and infrastructure projects); visas for other categories of foreign nationals **REMAINS SUSPENDED** until further notice.



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- b. Applications for 47(a)(2) for qualified individuals shall be lodged with the Department of Justice (DOJ), which will convey to the Department of Foreign Affairs-Office of Consular Affairs (OCA) the authority to issue said visas for approved applicants, for onward transmittal to the Embassy.
 - c. The Embassy shall issue the 47(a)(2) visa upon receipt of the authority from DFA-OCA.
3. Foreign nationals who currently hold valid and existing 9(g) and 47(a)(2) visas can enter the Philippines without the need for an Entry Exemption Document, but still subject to prevailing COVID-19 testing and quarantine protocols, as appropriate.
 4. All visa-free travel privileges for foreign nationals remain suspended until further notice.
 5. Restrictions on entry of travellers from specific countries continue to be in place (Embassy Advisory No. AD2021-148 dated 16 July 2021). The Embassy will not issue visas to foreign nationals who have travelled to the said countries within fourteen (14) days preceding the intended travel to the Philippines.
 6. For more details and updates on the Philippines' entry regulations for foreigners, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/entrytoPH> or e-mail consular.sgpe@gmail.com.

Philippine Embassy, Singapore
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