



ADVISORY

REVISED GUIDELINES AS PER IATF-MEID RESOLUTION NO. 97 SERIES OF 2021

Pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution no. 97 Series of 2021 dated 28 January 2021¹, the following revised guidelines are hereby implemented:

All foreign nationals (except for Section 9(e) visa holders) shall **present a pre-booked accommodation for at least seven (7) nights in an accredited quarantine hotel/facility** at the Immigration counters for initial check. **Those who fail to present a pre-booked accommodation shall be denied entry and shall be boarded immediately in the next available flight.**

The initial check performed by Immigration authorities shall not in any way interfere with the Department of Tourism's exclusive jurisdiction on the Final validation and confirmation of pre-booked accommodation in an accredited quarantine hotel/facility.

All foreign nationals who were cleared for entry but subsequently found to have presented a counterfeit or fraudulent pre-booked accommodation in an accredited quarantine hotel/facility by the Department of Tourism shall be referred to the Bureau of Immigration for deportation proceedings.

PASSENGERS ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE PHILIPPINES Effective 01 February 2021

ARRIVAL <i>(without the need for DFA authorization/endorsement)</i>
1. 9(E) visa holders – diplomats accredited to Philippines including foreign embassies and Foreign Government and International Organization Officials ²
2. Foreign Airline Crew ³
3. 9(C) visa holders – Foreign Seafarer visa ⁴
4. 9(D) visa holders – Treaty trader visa ⁵ (US, Japan and Germany)
5. Section 13 series of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended (13 quota, 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13G visas) ⁶

¹ A. **Effective February 1, 2021**, foreign nationals **allowed to enter under relevant IATF resolutions** shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 1) With valid and existing visa at the time of entry, except for those qualified under the Balikbayan program under Republic Act No. 6768 or the Act Instituting the *Balikbayan* Program;
- 2) With pre-booked accommodation for at least seven (7) nights in an accredited quarantine hotel/facility;
- 3) Subject to COVID-19 testing at the quarantine hotel/facility on the sixth (6th) day from date of arrival;
- 4) Subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port and date of entry;

² FSC No. 29-2020 dated 19 March 2020 and IATF Resolution No. 89 Series of 2020 dated 17 December 2020.

³ FSC No. 53-2020 dated 9 July 2020.

⁴ FSC No. 34-2020 dated 03 July 2020 and IATF Resolution No. 47 Series of 2020.

⁵ IATF Resolution No. 84 Series of 2020 dated 19 November 2020.

⁶ IATF Resolution No. 56 Series of 2020 dated 16 July 2020.

<p>6. RA7919 visa holders (The Social Integration Act of 1995)⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - granted to qualified foreign nationals who have entered the country prior to 30 June 1992
<p>7. E0324 visa holders⁸</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal residence granted under EO 324 for qualified foreign nationals who entered the Philippines before 1 January 1984
<p>8. Native Born (NB) visa holders⁹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - foreign children born to foreigners with permanent resident status in the Philippines
<p>9. Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) holders (based on MO ADD- 01-038 / ADD-02-015 [Indians])¹⁰</p>
<p>10. MCL-07-021 Permanent Resident Visa holders¹¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chinese nationals married to Filipino citizens
<p>11. The following shall be allowed entry, PROVIDED, they have a valid (new or existing) visa and the principal Philippine national is in the country:¹²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Foreign spouses of Filipino nationals; (b) Foreign minor children, and foreign children with special needs regardless of age, of Filipino nationals; and (c) Foreign parents of minor Filipino children and of Filipino children with special needs regardless of age
<p>12. Foreign nationals in possession of Recognition Certificate (RC) or Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003 (CRPC) under RA9225 Certificate¹³</p>
<p>13. E0226 visa holders (to include SIRV visa holders issued under E0226; BUT NOT issued under E063)¹⁴</p>
<p>14. RA8756 visa holders¹⁵</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Office Headquarters (ROHQ) visa, intended for executive positions for multinational companies
<p>15. 47(a)(2) visa holders issued by the Department of Justice ¹⁶</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - granted to foreign employees working for Regional Headquarters, Regional Operating Headquarters, or employees of PEZA and/or BOI-registered companies.
<p>16. Visas issued by the following:¹⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority; b. Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority; c. Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan; d. Cagayan Economic Zone Authority; e. Clark Development Corporation

⁷ IATF Resolution No. 56 Series of 2020 dated 16 July 2020.

⁸ IATF Resolution No. 56 Series of 2020 dated 16 July 2020.

⁹ IATF Resolution No. 56 Series of 2020 dated 16 July 2020.

¹⁰ Letter Directive No. JHM-2020-140 dated 20 July 2020.

¹¹ Letter Directive No. JHM-2020-140 dated 20 July 2020.

¹² FSC No. 36-2020 dated 03 August 2020.

¹³ FSC No. 36-2020 dated 03 August 2020 and Immigration Operations Order No. SBM-2014-045.

¹⁴ IATF Resolution No. 80 Series of 2020 dated 22 October 2020.

¹⁵ IATF Resolution No. 80 Series of 2020 dated 22 October 2020.

¹⁶ IATF Resolution No. 80 Series of 2020 dated 22 October 2020.

¹⁷ IATF Resolution No. 84 Series of 2020 dated 19 November 2020.

The following shall be allowed entry under the Balikbayan Privilege (RA6768) (only nationals from **non-visa required countries** under EO408):¹⁸

17. **Filipino citizens' foreign spouses and children**, regardless of age, who are **travelling with them**** **;

****Refer to rule 11 if not travelling with principal Philippine national.**

*****Refer to rule 11 For visa-required nationals.**

18. **Former Filipino** citizens, together **with their foreign spouses and children**, regardless of age, who are **travelling with** them.

19. **9(G)** visa holders¹⁹

a. Those who departed the country on 17 December 2020 or later;

b. Must present a valid ACRI-Card and ECC-SRC (Special Return Certificate) upon arrival

DEPARTURE

1. Overseas Filipino Workers(OFWs)

Documentary requirements:

- a. Valid work visa and contract;
- b. Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC);
- c. Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) certificate;
- d. Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (for seaman);
- e. Departure Card

2. Students enrolled abroad and participants accepted in exchange visitor programs

Documentary requirements:

- a. Valid visa;
- b. Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO) Certificate (for first time travelers)
- c. Departure Card

3. Permanent residents of foreign jurisdictions and foreign nationals

Documentary requirements:

- a. Valid Permanent Visa or Permanent Resident Card;
- b. Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO) for first time immigrants
- c. Departure Card

Outbound travel of Filipinos shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. For those travelling on tourist or short- term/visitor visas, submission of **confirmed round-trip tickets and adequate travel and health insurance** to cover travel disruptions and hospitalization in case of COVID-19 infections during their allowable period of stay abroad;

¹⁸ IATF Resolution No. 85 Series of 2020 dated 26 November 2020.

¹⁹ IATF Resolution No. 89 Series of 2020 dated 17 December 2020.

- b. Execution of a **Bureau of Immigration Declaration** acknowledging the risks involved in travelling, including risk of delay in their return trip, to be provided at the check-in counters by the airlines;
- c. Whenever **required by the country of destination or the airline, a negative COVID-19 test** taken in accordance with the health and safety protocols of such destination country or airlines; and
- d. Upon return, they shall **follow the Guidelines** of the National Task Force (NTF) for **Returning Overseas Filipinos**.

All of the foregoing is without prejudice to the exercise of the mandate of the Bureau of Immigration in Arrival and Departure Formalities.

For strict compliance.

30 January 2021


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