



DUAL CITIZENSHIP

UNDER RA 9225

“CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND REACQUISITION ACT OF 2003”

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HOW DOES ONE REACQUIRE PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225?

Natural-born Filipinos who lost their Filipino citizenship through naturalization in a foreign country may reacquire Philippine citizenship by taking the Philippine Oath of Allegiance before a duly authorized Philippine official. The Philippine Oath of Allegiance does not require a person to renounce his allegiance to any other country.

WHO CAN QUALIFY UNDER RA 9225?

Those who are citizens of the Philippines from birth without having to perform any act to acquire or perfect their Philippine citizenship. These are persons:

- Whose fathers or mothers are citizens of the Philippines at the time of their birth; or
- Born before January 17, 1973, of Filipino mothers, and that person elects Philippine citizenship upon reaching the age of majority.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Applicant must personally appear and present the following documents:

1. Original and Photocopy of the following documents:
 - Birth Certificate from the National Statistics Office (NSO)/Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Applicants may apply for a NSO birth certificate online at www.psaserbilis.com.ph.
 - Foreign Naturalization Certificate

2. A Combination **of two (2) Documents from the Philippines** and *one (1) Document from the Foreign Country*:

Acceptable Philippine Documents

- Old Philippine Passport
- Philippine Birth Certificate
- Philippine Marriage Certificate
- ID issued by a Philippine Government Agency with your photo, full name, date of birth and nationality indicated (ex. LTO driver's license and Postal ID)

Acceptable Foreign Document

- Foreign Passport with *Affidavit of Explanation for not submitting Naturalization Certificate*
- Foreign Naturalization Certificate

3. Completed Dual Citizenship Application Form
4. Three (3) 2x2 Colored ID Photos with White Background without eyeglasses or colored contact lens taken within six (6) months from application

The Consular Officer reserves the right to request additional documents from the applicant

- **For those applying with derivative dual citizenship:**

For each of the applicant's child below 18 years old, the applicant **shall present** the original document and photocopy of the following documents:

- Child's Birth Certificate; and
- Child's Foreign passport and submit the Child's three (3) 2x2 colored ID photos with white background without eyeglasses or colored contact lens taken within 6 months from application

WHAT WILL BE THE CITIZENSHIP OF MY CHILDREN IF I REACQUIRE PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP UNDER RA 9225?

All your unmarried children, whether legitimate, illegitimate or adopted, below eighteen (18) years of age, shall be deemed citizens of the Philippines. This is called “derivative dual citizenship.” The requirements are:

- Child’s Birth Certificate; and
- Child’s Foreign passport and submit the Child’s three (3) 2x2 colored ID photos with white background without eyeglasses or colored contact lens taken within 6 months from application

HOW MUCH ARE THE FEES?

Documents	Fees (per applicant)
Dual Citizenship Documents	\$ 50
Affidavit of Explanation	\$ 25
Derivative Dual Citizenship Documents	\$ 25
Certification / Certified True Copy of Dual Citizenship Documents	\$ 25 per document

- Fees are non-refundable and payable in CASH or MONEY ORDER payable to the Philippine Consulate General. No personal checks or credits will be accepted.

HOW CAN WE APPLY?

Submission of requirements

- The applicant may personally submit all requirements for application for dual citizenship during office hours (Mondays to Fridays, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., (except holidays).
- Alternatively, the applicant may submit all the requirements for application through mail.

Final Processing Time and Oath-Taking Schedule

After submission, the applicant shall be informed of the schedule of the oath taking and final processing. Oath-taking and final processing is done every Friday, on the following time slots:

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 noon for final processing; briefing and oath-taking at 11:45 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for final processing; briefing and oath-taking at 2:45 p.m.

The Consulate shall refuse oath taking of applicants wearing inappropriate outfit such as: a) Sleeveless shirts/blouse, b) Skimpy clothes, c) Shorts, d) Sando and e) Slippers.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF RE-ACQUIRING/RETAINING PH CITIZENSHIP UNDER RA 9225?

Filipinos who have re-acquired their PH citizenship under RA 9225 may once again enjoy full civil and political rights and be subject to all attendant liabilities and responsibilities under existing laws of the Philippines subject to conditions. These rights include:

1. To vote in the PH national elections
 - A person who reacquires his/her PH citizenship may vote in elections in the PH provided that he/she complies with the residency requirement under existing PH election law. He/she may vote abroad in PH national elections (and vote for a President, Vice President, Senators and sectoral representatives) provided he/she meets the requirements under the Overseas Absentee Voting Act.
2. To run for or be appointed to public office
 - Despite having reacquired PH citizenship, one does not automatically gain the right to run for public office. First, he or she must meet the qualifications for holding such office as required by the 1987 Constitution and existing laws. Thereafter, prospective candidates must, at the time of the filing of the certificate of candidacy, make a personal and sworn renunciation of any and all foreign citizenship of any and all foreign citizenship before authorized public officers. The same requirement is imposed to those who are about to be appointed to any public office in the PH.
3. To practice his/her profession
 - Despite having reacquired PH citizenship, one does not automatically gain the right to practice his/her profession in the PH. To be able to do so, he/she must apply with the proper PH authority (PRC and other accrediting bodies) for a license or permit

Please note that the right to vote or be elected or appointed to any public office in the Philippines cannot be exercised by, or extended to, those who:

- a) are candidates for or are occupying any public office in the country of which they are naturalized citizens; and/or
- b) are in active service as commissioned or non-commissioned officers in the armed forces of the country which they are naturalized citizens.

MY OLD PHILIPPINE PASSPORT IS STILL VALID. CAN I STILL USE IT?

No. Taking the US oath of allegiance effectively renounces all other citizenships. As a result, you temporarily lose Philippine citizenship. As a Philippine passport may only be issued to a Filipino citizen, you lose the right to possess a Philippine passport the moment Philippine citizenship has been lost upon taking the US oath of allegiance. Because of this, the old passport must be surrendered and cancelled, and a new one must be issued upon retaining or reacquiring Philippine citizenship under RA 9225.

DO I NEED A PHILIPPINE PASSPORT TO TRAVEL TO THE PHILIPPINES?

No, just bring your valid US/Foreign passport and your Dual Citizenship Documents when you go to the Philippines.

HOW CAN I GET A PHILIPPINE PASSPORT?

Present these documents to the passport processor:

1. Dual Citizenship Documents
2. Old Philippine Passport or in case of loss, Affidavit of Loss
3. Completed Passport Application Form
4. Birth certificate from the NSO/PSA
5. Marriage Certificate from the NSO/PSA for females wishing to use their married surname for the first time

HOW LONG CAN I STAY IN THE PHILIPPINES?

You can stay in the Philippines indefinitely provided that upon your arrival in the Philippines you present before the Philippine Immigration Officer your valid US/Foreign passport and your Dual Citizenship Documents. EXCEPTION: when you travel with your Foreign Husband/Wife/Child. You and your foreign husband/wife/child are entitled to a visa-free entry to the Philippines for a period of one (1) year from arrival in the Philippines, among other privileges, provided you all have round trip/return tickets with the same return flight schedule to the US.

DO I NEED TO PAY INCOME TAXES?

If you live outside the Philippines for over 180 days in a taxable year, only income generated within the Philippines are taxed by the Philippine government.

Note that the Philippines and United States of America signed a treaty on taxation in order to avoid double taxation for Filipinos who derive income from the United States and for Americans who derive income from the Philippines. Under this treaty, taxes paid in the United States may be credited in the Philippines and vice versa.