



**ADVISORY NO. JSD-2021-01**

**Consolidated and Updated Exceptions from the Temporary Suspension of Visa Issuance and of Visa-Free Travel Privileges & New Protocols for Entry of Excepted/Exempted Foreign Nationals starting 01 February 2021**

In view of the expiration of the travel restrictions on Covid-19 new variants on 31 January 2021, the new protocols for the entry of foreign nationals to the Philippines shall be as follows:

- A. As a **general rule**, foreign nationals are still prohibited from entering the Philippines, excluding the following “Excepted Foreign Nationals” without need of an entry exemption from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Manila:
1. Diplomats and members of international organizations and their dependents provided they have a valid 9(e) visa at the time of entry (*IATF Resolution No. 60, Series of 2020*);
  2. Foreign seafarers provided they have a valid 9(c) visa at the time of entry (*IATF Resolution No. 47, Series of 2020*);
  3. Holders of 13 series visa under the Immigration Act aka Commonwealth Act (CA) 613, as amended, which include:
    - (a) Temporary Resident Visa (*CA 613, Section 13a re marriage to Filipino*);
    - (b) Temporary Resident Visa (*MO ADD-01-038/ ADD-02-015 re Indian nationals*);
    - (c) MCL-07-021 Permanent Resident Visa (*CA 613, Section 13a re Chinese nationals married to Filipino citizens*); and
    - (d) Native Born Visa (*CA 613, Section 13c for foreigners born to foreign parent/s with permanent resident status in the Philippines / IATF Resolution No. 56, Series of 2020*);
  4. Holders of Republic Act 7919 visas granted through Social Integration Program (*IATF Resolution No. 56, Series of 2020*);
  5. Holders of Executive Order 324 visas (*IATF Resolution No. 56, Series of 2020*);
  6. Foreign spouses of Filipino nationals provided the Filipino spouse is in the Philippines and they have valid visas at the time of entry (*IATF Resolution No. 60, Series of 2020*);
  7. Foreign minor children and foreign children with special needs, regardless of age, of Filipino nationals provided the Filipino parent is in the Philippines and they have valid visas at the time of entry (*IATF Resolution No. 60, Series of 2020*);
  8. Foreign parents of minor Filipino children and of Filipino children with special needs, regardless of age, provided the said Filipino minor or child/children is in the Philippines and they have valid visas at the time of entry (*IATF Resolution No. 60, Series of 2020*);
  9. Holders of Special visas issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BI) under Republic Act 8756 (*IATF Resolution No. 80, Series of 2020*);

10. Holders of 47(a)(2) visas issued by the Department of Justice or DOJ (*IATF Resolution No. 80, Series of 2020*);
  11. Holders of 9(d) visas issued by the BI (*IATF Resolution No. 84, Series of 2020*);
  12. Holders of visas issued by the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan, Cagayan Economic Zone Authority, and Clark Development Corporation (*IATF Resolution No. 84, Series of 2020*);
  13. Holders of Special Investor's Resident Visa (SIRV) issued under EO 226 (Omnibus Investment Code, as amended) but not under EO 63 (*IATF Resolution No. 80, Series of 2020*);
  14. Dual Filipino citizens carrying foreign passports provided they possess and present a Recognition Certificate or a Certificate of Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition under RA9225 (*IATF Resolution No. 84, Series of 2020*);
  15. Filipino citizen's foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, from non-visa required countries, who are travelling with them, and avails of visa-free entry privileges under R.A. No.6768 – Act Instituting the *Balibayan* Program (*IATF Resolution No. 85, Series of 2020*);
  16. Former Filipino citizens, including their foreign spouses and children, from non-visa required countries, regardless of age, who are travelling with them and avails of visa-free entry privileges under R.A. No.6768 – Act Instituting the *Balibayan* Program (*IATF Resolution No. 85, Series of 2020*); and
  17. Holders of 9(g) visas who departed the Philippines on or after 17 December 2020; provided they have a valid visa at the time of entry (*IATF Resolution No. 85, Series of 2020*).
- B. Foreign nationals not included in paragraphs A.1 to A.17 above are required to secure any entry exemption from the DFA for the issuance of a 9(a) visa and for entry into the Philippines.
- C. All foreign nationals permitted entry into the Philippines shall be required: (1) to secure and present a pre-booked accommodation for at least seven (7) nights in a quarantine hotel/facility accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT); and (2) to undergo RT-PCR COVID-19 testing at their respective quarantine hotel/facility on the sixth (6th) day from date of arrival in the Philippines (*IATF Resolution No. 97, Series of 2020*); and other applicable quarantine and isolation protocols as prescribed by the Department of Health (DOH).

For further information, please visit the following links:

- <https://www.facebook.com/officialbureauofimmigration/photos/pcb.1933882583417106/1933882503417114>
- <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2021/01jan/20210128-IATF-RESO-97-RRD.pdf>

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