

PRESS RELEASE

PASSPORT ADVISORY

The Philippine Consulate General would like to inform the general public of the following advisories for their guidance should they travel to the Philippines and apply for a passport:

Schedule and appointment for your passport application

To avoid long queues in applying for a passport in Manila, schedule an appointment by accessing the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) website www.dfa.gov.ph and click the Consular Services tab, type your complete name, date and place of birth, and if applicable your old passport number.

Once you have an appointment, it will take you less than an hour to process your passport at designated counters and encoding machines.

Reminder: Check the validity of your passport

Before traveling, check if the validity date of your passport is at least six (6) months from the date of your departure to avoid problems at the airport.

Apply for a passport in the provinces

You can also apply for a passport at the following DFA Offices in the provinces:

Bacolod City, Baguio City, Butuan City, Cagayan de Oro City, Cebu City, Cotabato City, Davao City, General Santos City, Iloilo City, Legaspi City, Lucena City, Palawan City, POEA (Satellite Office) Mandaluyong City, San Fernando La-Union, San Fernando Pampanga, Tacloban City, and Zamboanga City.

Avail of the new ePassport

Everyone may now avail of the ePassport, a highly secure enhanced Machine Readable Passport. The ePassport system reduces identity theft by storing the biometrics and signature of the passport holder and by recording his thumb marks. The ePassport is initially available in the Philippines in DFA Manila only.

Green Passport is valid until Date of Expiry

If you are a holder of the manual or green passport, you can still use your passport for travel abroad. All manual or green passports issued before 01 April 2010 will remain valid until the stated date of expiry and are acceptable for use abroad.

The Passport Office is moving to ASEANA Business Park

The Office of Consular Affairs (Passport Division, Authentication, Visa and Records) will be moving to a new building:

ASEANA Business Park
Corner Bradco Avenue and Diosdado Macapagal Blvd.
Barangay Tambo, Paranaque City
(near SM Mall of Asia- MOA)

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Courier Services

To avoid returning to the DFA to claim your passport, avail of any of the following accredited courier services (located at the DFA basketball court) to collect and deliver your passport to you:

1. Air 21
2. DFAMPCI LBC
3. Pilipinas Teleserve, Inc.- ABOITIZ 2GO
4. Tel-PPT LBC
5. WWW Express- DHL