

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A NON-QUOTA IMMIGRANT VISA

Application for a non-quota immigrant visa may be filed by mail or in person at the Consular Section of the Embassy or at the Consulate. If not applying in person, the applicant's signature must be notarized by a Justice of the Peace.

The Consular Officer, depending on the circumstances of the application, may require the personal appearance of the applicant.

The following documents are required:

1. Two (2) duly accomplished application forms (FA Form No. 3. downloadable from [www.philembassy.org.au](http://www.philembassy.org.au)).
2. Current passport, valid for at least six months from the date of anticipated entry into the Philippines.
3. Four copies of recent passport size photograph signed at the bottom front.
4. Applicant's birth certificate and marriage certificate (if married).
5. Police Clearance, issued by the Australian Federal Police or the police authorities of the place where applicant resides, duly authenticated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. (Police Certificate based on fingerprint check).
6. Documentary evidence of financial capability - example: letter from applicant's bank, certified true copies of land titles, investment certificate, etc. or these proofs plus affidavit of support by parents/guardians, in case applicant is a minor.
7. In case the applicant is a former Philippine citizen, evidence of the former Philippine citizenship such as Philippine passport, birth certificate and certified true copy of the Certificate of Naturalization (Australian Certificate of Citizenship).
8. In case the applicant is married to a Philippine citizen, copy of the marriage contract and valid Philippine passport of the Filipino spouse.
9. In case the applicant is married to a former Philippine citizen, evidence of the former Philippine citizenship of the spouse such as Philippine passport, birth certificate and Certificate of Naturalization (Australian Certificate of Citizenship).
10. In case the applicant has lost her Philippine citizenship because of her marriage to an alien, certified true copies of her birth certificate, marriage certificate and evidence of present foreign citizenship.
11. Original and copy of Medical Certificate (FA Form No. 11). The applicant must be examined and the form accomplished by an authorized physician. The medical certificate must also include the X-ray film, laboratory reports, and certification that the applicant is free from AIDS. The medical examination report is valid only if submitted to the quarantine officer at the port of entry in the Philippines together with the visa application within six (6) months from the date the examination was conducted.
12. Processing and Postage Fee – (payable in cash or postal money order to the Philippine Embassy or Consulate) - (Please refer to Schedule of Fees on the Embassy website [www.philembassy.au](http://www.philembassy.au)).

NOTE: Originals and photocopies of the required documents must be submitted upon filing of the application.

The Consular Officer may require the submission of additional supporting documents as he/she may deem fit under the circumstances.

## **WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO APPLY FOR A NON-QUOTA IMMIGRANT VISA**

A Non-Quota Immigrant is an alien who is admitted into the Philippines as an Immigrant without regard to numeral limitation.

The following fall under this category:

- a) The wife or husband or the unmarried child under twenty-one years of age of Philippine citizen, if accompanying or following to join such citizen.
- b) A child of alien parents born during the temporary visit abroad of the mother, the mother having been previously lawfully admitted into the Philippines for permanent residence, if the child is accompanying or coming to join a parent and applies for admission within five years from date of its birth.
- c) A child born subsequent to the issuance of the immigration visa of the accompanying parent, the visa not having expired.
- d) A woman who was a citizen of the Philippines and who lost her citizenship because of her marriage to an alien or by reason of the loss of Philippine citizenship by her husband; and her unmarried child under twenty-one years of age if accompanying or following to join her.
- e) A person previously lawfully admitted into the Philippines for permanent residence, who is returning from a temporary visit abroad to an unrelinquished residence in the Philippines.
- f) The wife or husband or the unmarried child under twenty-one years of age of an alien lawfully admitted into the Philippines for permanent residence prior to the date on which the Immigration Act became effective and who is a resident therein, if such wife, husband or child applies for admission within a period of two years following the date on which the Act becomes effective.
- g) A natural born citizen of the Philippines, who has been naturalized in a foreign country, and is returning to the Philippines for permanent residence, including his/her spouse and minor children.