



ADVISORY

REVISED GUIDELINES AS PER IATF-MEID RESOLUTION NOS. 97 and 98 SERIES OF 2021

Pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution Nos. 97 and 98 Series of 2021 dated 28 January 2021 and 04 February 2021, respectively, the following revised guidelines are hereby implemented:

A. Passengers allowed to travel to the Philippines per BI Advisory dated 30 January 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 ¹
2. Foreign Airline Crew ²
3. 9(C) visa holders – Foreign Seafarer visa ³
4. 9(D) visa holders – Treaty trader visa ⁴ (US, Japan and Germany)
5. Section 13 series of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended (13 quota, 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13G visas) ⁵
6. RA7919 visa holders (The Social Integration Act of 1995) ⁶ - granted to qualified foreign nationals who have entered the country prior to 30 June 1992
7. EO324 visa holders ⁷ - Legal residence granted under EO 324 for qualified foreign nationals who entered the Philippines before 1 January 1984
8. Native Born (NB) visa holders ⁸ - foreign children born to foreigners with permanent resident status in the Philippines
9. Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) holders (based on MO ADD- 01-038 / ADD-02-015 [Indians]) ⁹
10. MCL-07-021 Permanent Resident Visa holders ¹⁰ - Chinese nationals married to Filipino citizens

¹ FSC No. 29-2020 dated 19 March 2020 and IATF Resolution No. 89 Series of 2020 dated 17 December 2020.

² FSC No. 53-2020 dated 9 July 2020.

³ FSC No. 34-2020 dated 03 July 2020 and IATF Resolution No. 47 Series of 2020.

⁴ IATF Resolution No. 84 Series of 2020 dated 19 November 2020.

⁵ IATF Resolution No. 56 Series of 2020 dated 16 July 2020.

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

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

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

<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:¹¹</p> <p>(a) Foreign spouses of Filipino nationals;</p> <p>(b) Foreign minor children, and foreign children with special needs regardless of age, of Filipino nationals; and</p> <p>(c) Foreign parents of minor Filipino children and of Filipino children with special needs regardless of age</p>
<p>12. Foreign nationals in possession of Recognition Certificate (RC) or Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003 (CRPC) under RA9225 Certificate¹²</p>
<p>13. EO226 visa holders (to include SIRV visa holders issued under EO226; BUT NOT issued under EO63)¹³</p>
<p>14. RA8756 visa holders¹⁴</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 ¹⁵</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:¹⁶</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
<p>The following shall be allowed entry under the Balikbayan Privilege (RA6768) (only nationals from non-visa required countries under EO408):¹⁷</p> <p>17. Filipino citizens' foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, who are travelling with them**_***;</p> <p>**Refer to rule 11 if not travelling with principal Philippine national.</p> <p>***Refer to rule 11 For visa-required nationals.</p> <p>18. Former Filipino citizens, together with their foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, who are travelling with them.</p>
<p>19. 9(G) visa holders who departed the country on 17 December 2020 or later¹⁸</p>

B. Passengers allowed to travel to the Philippines effective 16 February 2021. Those with valid and existing visas as of 20 March 2020, and who were not permitted to enter under previous IATF resolutions.

1. **9(G) visa holders**¹⁹
 - a. Those with valid and existing visas as of 20 March 2020;
 - b. Those who departed the country **BEFORE 17 December 2020.**

¹¹ FSC No. 36-2020 dated 03 August 2020.

¹² FSC No. 36-2020 dated 03 August 2020 and Immigration Operations Order No. SBM-2014-045.

¹³ IATF Resolution No. 80 Series of 2020 dated 22 October 2020.

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. 84 Series of 2020 dated 19 November 2020.

¹⁷ IATF Resolution No. 85 Series of 2020 dated 26 November 2020.

¹⁸ IATF Resolution No. 89 Series of 2020 dated 17 December 2020

¹⁹ IATF Resolution No. 98 Series of 2021 dated 04 February 2021

2. 9(F), SVEG and SIRV under EO63 visa holders

- a. Those with valid and existing visas as of 20 March 2020;

**9(G), 9(F), SVEG and SIRV under EO63 visa holders who do not fall under the above categories must secure / present a DFA exemption / authorization upon immigration inspection.*

C. Holders of valid and existing Special Resident and Retirees Visa (SRRV) and Section 9(a) visas, provided they present an entry exemption document to the Bureau of Immigration upon Arrival.

ARRIVAL Effective 16 February 2021
<p>1. Special Resident and Retirees Visa (SRRV) holders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SRRV holders must present entry exemption document (DFA Endorsement) to the Bureau of Immigration. Failure to present entry exemption document shall be a ground for exclusion and the SRRV holder shall be immediately boarded in the next available flight.
<p>2. 9(A) visa holders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The presentation of an entry exemption document (DFA Endorsement) does not guarantee the entry of passengers seeking admission as Temporary Visitor Visa under Section 9(a). Holders of Temporary Visitor Visa under Section 9(a) shall be able to establish their purpose of travel as stated in their respective DFA endorsements.

Additional Requirements for Arriving Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Visa Holders issued by the Bureau of Immigration

- Immigrants must present valid Re-entry Permit or validly extended Re-entry Permit, unless otherwise exempted. Failure to present valid Re-entry Permit or validly extended Re-entry Permit shall be a ground for exclusion and the Immigrant shall be immediately boarded in the next available flight.
- Non-immigrants must present valid Special Return Certificate or validly extended Special Return Certificate, unless otherwise exempted. Failure to present valid Special Return Certificate or validly extended Special Return Certificate shall be a ground for exclusion and the Non-immigrant shall be immediately boarded in the next available flight.

All foreign nationals (except for Section 9(e) visa holders) shall **present a pre-booked accommodation for at least six (6) nights²⁰ 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.

²⁰ IATF Resolution No. 98 Series of 2021 dated 04 February 2021.

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.

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