

Exchange Visitor Program Committee in the Philippines

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2006

REQUIRING PAYMENT OF PROCESSING FEE AS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NO OBJECTION STATEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF THE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES ON THE WAIVER OF THE TWO-YEAR HOME COUNTRY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR EXCHANGE VISITORS

WHEREAS, the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) Committee in the Philippines is mandated by Administrative Order No. 242 dated 17 January 1996, to promulgate policies, rules and regulations to implement Philippine participation in the EVP;

WHEREAS, the EVP Committee promulgated and approved the "Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors" on 16 November 2001, providing, among others, the requirements in the application for No Objection Statement (NOS) by EVP participants;

WHEREAS, Section 2(k) of Administrative Order 242 mandates the EVP Committee to collect administrative fees and charges as may be just and reasonable to cover the full cost of services rendered,

WHEREAS, in order to cover the increasing costs of processing and handling of applications for NOS, such as communication, mailing and shipping services, the collection of a service fee from all applicants for NOS has been proposed;

RESOLVED THEREFORE, that the Committee hereby approves and adopts relevant amendments to the said Guidelines and Procedures, which shall henceforth read as follows:

SECTION 6. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Exchange visitor participants from the Philippines applying for waiver of the two-year home residency requirement through the No Objection Statement from the Philippine Government shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. After obtaining a case number from the US Department of State, the applicant fills out the NOS application form, which is available at the Philippine Embassy or Consulate in the United States.
- b. The applicant submits the NOS application form to the EVP Committee through the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), together with the following supporting documents, in six (6) copies:
 - (1) Copy of IAP Form 66 / DS 2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for exchange visitor participant);

- (2) Original copy of the clearance from former employer / company in the Philippines at the time of departure for the training program;
- (3) Original copy of the certificate of completion of the exchange visitor program from the training / sponsoring institution;
- (4) Proof of the spouse's citizenship and certified true copy of marriage contract, in the case of applicants requesting for NOS by virtue of their marriage to a US citizen or a legal permanent resident of the US;
- (5) Certified true copy of the birth certificate, in the case of applicants requesting NOS by virtue of their minor child who is a US citizen residing in the United States;
- (6) Certification from the head / leader of a recognized religious denomination in the Philippines allowing the continued stay in the United States of its member, in case the applicant requesting for NOS is a religious missionary; and
- (7) Other documents to support the application for NOS.

The address of the CFO is Citigold Center, 1345 Pres. Quirino Avenue corner South Superhighway, Manila, Philippines 1007. The CFO can also be reached through e-mail: cfodfa@info.com.ph or fax no. (632) 561-8332.

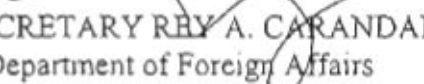
- c. The applicant shall pay a processing fee of one hundred twenty five US dollars (\$125.00) exclusive of bank charges, to the Commission on Filipinos Overseas through bank or other means of electronic transfer to the following account:

Acct. name:	Commission on Filipinos Overseas
Acct. no.:	000012-1149-23
Bank name:	Land Bank of the Philippines
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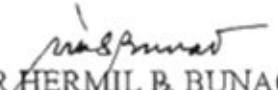
A copy of the remittance receipt shall be sent together with the application for NOS.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Commission on Filipinos Overseas shall submit to the EVP Committee a monthly financial report of all payments received from NOS applicants.

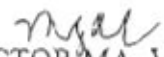
ADOPTED this 14th day of September 2006, during the 65th regular EVP Committee meeting in Manila, Philippines.



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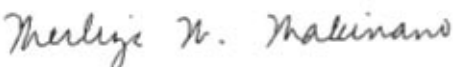
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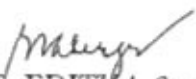
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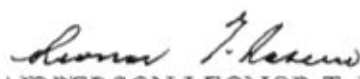


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