

**ADVISORY ON TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE PHILIPPINES**  
**(Updated as of 28 January 2021)**

The Philippines is implementing the following restrictions on travel to and from the Philippines to prevent the spread of new COVID-19 variants:

**1. TRAVEL RESTRICTED COUNTRIES**

- Unless otherwise exempted, foreign nationals from the following countries/jurisdictions are restricted from entering the Philippines until 31 January 2021, with the said travel restrictions subject to possible extension by IATF-MEID:
  - a. Austria<sup>1</sup>
  - b. Australia
  - c. Brazil<sup>2</sup>
  - d. Canada
  - e. China, People's Republic of<sup>3</sup>
  - f. Czech Republic<sup>4</sup>
  - g. Denmark
  - h. Finland<sup>2</sup>
  - i. France
  - j. Germany
  - k. Hong Kong SAR
  - l. Hungary<sup>5</sup>
  - m. Iceland
  - n. India<sup>2</sup>
  - o. Ireland
  - p. Israel
  - q. Italy
  - r. Jamaica<sup>3</sup>
  - s. Japan
  - t. Jordan<sup>2</sup>
  - u. Lebanon
  - v. Luxembourg<sup>3</sup>
  - w. The Netherlands
  - x. Norway<sup>2</sup>
  - y. Oman<sup>3</sup>
  - z. Pakistan<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Effective 10 January 2021 per Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 08 January 2021

<sup>2</sup> Effective 08 January 2021 per Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 05 January 2021

<sup>3</sup> Effective 13 January 2021 per Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 12 January 2021

<sup>4</sup> Effective 28 January 2021 per Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 26 January 2021

<sup>5</sup> Effective 17 January 2021 per Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 15 January 2021

- aa. Portugal<sup>2</sup>
- bb. Singapore
- cc. South Africa
- dd. South Korea
- ee. Spain
- ff. Sweden
- gg. Switzerland
- hh. United Arab Emirates
- ii. United Kingdom
- jj. United States of America<sup>3</sup>

## **2. EXEMPTED FOREIGN NATIONALS**

- The following foreign nationals, including those from the above-listed countries, may be exempted from the travel restriction:
  - a. Foreign nationals who are travelling to the Philippines with their Filipino spouse;
  - b. Foreign nationals who are travelling to the Philippines with their minor Filipino child or children;
  - c. Foreign passengers who (a) have transited or who merely had a lay-over at the airports of the travel-restricted countries, and with no immigration admission at said countries; and, (b) not coming from any of the travel-restricted countries, provided they hold authorized visas and subjected to RT-PCR test, quarantine and isolation protocols issued by the DOH;
  - d. Foreign diplomats and representatives of international organizations accredited to the Republic of the Philippines and their qualified dependents with valid and subsisting 9(e) visas. Individuals in this category shall be exempted from quarantine protocols provided that: (a) they undergo RT-PCR testing upon arrival at the airport; (b) submit/present a duly executed Undertaking to the DOH-BOQ personnel at port of entry; and (c) observe strict 14-day self-quarantine at their declared accommodation or quarters;
  - e. Foreign dignitaries with DFA authorization, subject to testing and quarantine protocols upon arrival in the Philippines; and
  - f. Foreign nationals travelling to the Philippines for medical and emergency cases, including their foreign medical escorts, if any, subject to the applicable testing and quarantine protocols as prescribed by the DOH.
- Exempted foreign nationals may apply for appropriate visa at Philippine foreign service posts. Application for 9(a) Temporary Visitor's Visa should be filed at least a week before the contemplated date of travel.

## **3. INBOUND FILIPINO TRAVELERS**

The following may be allowed entry to the Philippines:

- a. All Filipino nationals returning from foreign countries/territories, including those from travel restricted countries/territories; and
- b. Dual Filipino citizens, including those from travel restricted countries/territories, with identification/recognition certificates, but subject to RT-PCR test, quarantine and isolation protocols issued by the Department of Health (DOH).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filipino citizens coming from the above-listed countries/jurisdictions or who have been to the same within 14 days immediately preceding arrival to the Philippines, shall not be subject to above entry restriction, but shall be required to undergo a <b>mandatory 14-day quarantine period</b> in facilities designated by the Department of Health (DOH), regardless of a negative RT-PCR result.</li> <li>All overseas Filipinos are reminded of the limited quarantine facilities in place, and are thus urged to carefully reconsider their travel plans, including postponing their trips until after the end of the travel restrictions to avoid personal inconvenience and possible additional expenses, and help prevent the spread of the new COVID-19 variant in the country.</li> <li>Filipino travelers who transited or who merely had lay-over at the airport of travel-restricted countries (i.e., with no immigration admission at said countries) and those not coming from these countries may be allowed entry, provided they are authorized to enter the country through relevant resolution of the IATF-MEID and subject to RT-PCR test, quarantine, and isolation protocols issued by the DOH.</li> </ul>
<b>4. MINORS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following minors and children with special needs may be allowed entry to the Philippines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors from <b>travel restricted countries</b> who are <b>travelling with their Filipino parent/s</b>;</li> <li>Children with special needs, regardless of age, from <b>travel restricted countries</b>, who are <b>travelling with their Filipino parent/s</b>;</li> <li>Unaccompanied <b>Filipino minors</b> from <b>non-travel restricted countries</b>;</li> <li>Unaccompanied <b>Filipino minors</b> coming from <b>travel restricted</b> countries who are returning through the repatriation program of the national government. These minors shall be turned over to OWWA and the DSWD upon arrival in the Philippines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The above individuals shall be required to undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine period in facilities designated by the Department of Health (DOH), regardless of a negative RT-PCR result.</li> </ul>
<b>5. OUTBOUND TRAVEL FROM THE PHILIPPINES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outbound travel from the Philippines to the above-listed countries, including the UK, shall be subject to the existing exit protocols of the Philippines and the entry protocols of the destination countries.</li> </ul>

Travelers to the Philippines are advised to check the Consulate General's website and/or Facebook page for updates on COVID-related travel restrictions.

For questions on travel to the Philippines, you may contact the Philippine Consulate General in Nagoya through email [visa.nagoyapcg@gmail.com](mailto:visa.nagoyapcg@gmail.com) or telephone number **052-211-8811**.