

RETENTION OR REACQUISITION OF PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP
Under Republic Act No. 9225
“Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003”
Date of Effectivity: 17 September 2003

REQUIREMENTS

1. Duly-accomplished **Petition Form**
2. Three (3) pieces of **2X2-inch ID photo** in **white background**. (Petitioner should wear a **shirt or blouse with collar** in his his/her ID photo)

Philippine Documents

3. Proof as Natural-Born Citizen of the Philippines

Submission of any of the following:

- a. **Original Birth Certificate** or **Report of Birth** issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (formerly National Statistics Authority (NSO)) or Local Civil Registrar;
 - b. **Old Philippine passport**;
 - c. **Voter’s Affidavit** or **Voter’s Identification Card**;
 - d. **Original Marriage Contract** or **Report of Marriage** indicating the Philippine citizenship of the applicant; or
 - e. Such other document that would show that the applicant is a former natural-born citizen of the Philippines as may be acceptable to the evaluating officer
4. Latest **Philippine passport**
 5. For a married woman who would like to adopt the surname of her husband, **Marriage Contract** or **Report of Marriage** issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (formerly NSO) or the Local Civil Registrar

Notes:

*Natural-born citizens of the Philippines, who, upon the effectivity of RA 9225 on 17 September 2003, become citizens of a foreign country, shall **retain** their Philippine citizenship.*

*Natural-born citizens of the Philippines, who, before the effectivity of RA 9225 on 17 September 2003, became citizens of a foreign country, shall **reacquire** their Philippine citizenship.*

In all cases, the evaluating officer may require the submission of additional documents if there is reasonable ground to believe that the applicant is not a former natural-born Filipino.

Foreign Documents

6. For Italian citizens - **valid Italian passport** or ***Carta d'Identità***

For citizens of Albania, Malta and San Marino – **appropriate equivalent document/s** with English translation/s

7. For Italian citizens - any official document indicating the date of acquisition of Italian citizenship, such as, ***Certificato di Cittadinanza*** (Certificate of Citizenship) or ***Atti di Cittadinanza*** (Proceedings of Citizenship) or ***Decreto di Cittadinanza*** (Decree) with English translation/s

For citizens of Albania, Malta and San Marino – **appropriate equivalent document/s** with English translation/s

Note: If the date of acquisition of foreign citizenship is not indicated in any of the above *Certificato di Cittadinanza* (Certificate of Citizenship) or *Atti di Cittadinanza* (Proceedings of Citizenship) or *Decreto di Cittadinanza* (Decree) or the appropriate equivalent documents stated above, with English translation, petitioner shall submit:

For Italian citizens - annotated *Estratto di Nascita* (Birth Certificate) with English translation

For citizens of Albania, Malta and San Marino - appropriate equivalent document/s with English translation/s

Inclusion of Minor Children

8. For inclusion of a minor child (below 18 years of age) born to parents who were not Filipino citizens at the time of the child's birth, petitioner shall submit the following as the child's documents:

- Italian or foreign passport
- *Estratto di Nascita* (Birth Certificate) or other foreign equivalent Document with English translation
- One 2x2-inch ID photo with white background

Service Fee

9. Payment of service fee – **€ 45.00**
10. Additional payment of **€ 22.50** for each minor child of petitioner
11. Other documents as may be required by the evaluating officer

IMPORTANT

- Petitioners are required to: a) present the original documents; and b) submit three photocopies of requirements 3 to 8 above.
- The evaluating officer has discretion to accept/reject documents, or require additional documents, if necessary, to be personally satisfied of the applicant's eligibility.
- A minor child of petitioner who reacquired Philippine citizenship should immediately file a Report of Birth before applying for a Philippine passport.

- Under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, a child born to a Filipino mother or father is a natural-born Filipino.
- For queries regarding dual citizenship, please:
 - send a message to this email address: rompe2007@gmail.com; or
 - ask personally at **Window 10 (Dual Citizenship Desk)** of the Embassy's Consular Section during office hours.