



**PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT NO OBJECTION STATEMENT**

A Philippine Government no-objection statement is required for the issuance of appropriate waiver to the two-year residence requirement under the U.S. Public Law 91-255 OF 7 April 1970 to participants in the exchange visitors program. The no-objection statement is issued by the exchange visitor program committee in Manila and the Philippine Embassy in Washington D.C. is notified accordingly. If the committee's decision is favorable, the statement is formally transmitted to the U.S. Department of State. The applicant will be informed of the results of the committee's decision on his/her application.

Applicants for a Philippine Government no-objection statement should file their application forms with any Philippine Foreign Service establishment nearest to their place of residence. Application forms which may be obtained from these agencies should be duly completed and submitted together with the following documents:

1. Processing fee of \$100.00 in postal money order/cashier's check/certified check (Personal check are not acceptable) payable to the Philippine Foreign Service establishment;
2. IAP-66 OR DPS-66 (Certificate of Eligibility for J-1 VISA);
3. Medical or any professional license in the U.S., if applicable;
4. Certificate/s of medical or any training since the date of entry as exchange visitor (e.g. diploma, certificate of completion, etc.);
5. Certificate of present employment or contract of employment;
6. Approved petition for permanent residence in the U.S., if applicable;
7. Marriage contract, if applicable;
8. Other supporting documents (document that would strengthen reasons for request, such as, birth certificates of U.S. born children, medical certificates stating the need for treatment of patient in the U.S., statements/proofs of extreme hardship that would result if applicant is compelled to go back to the Philippines at present, etc.);
9. Required documents if applicant is a Philippine government employee or was sponsored through the Philippine government:
 - a. Proof of approved resignation from the concerned Philippine government agency;
 - b. Certificate of clearance from financial obligations and accountabilities;
 - c. Proof that the applicant has reimbursed the expenses incurred by the Philippine government.

Documents should be submitted in six (6) copies. The original document must likewise be submitted for authentication. The authentication fee is \$25.00 per document. A seventh copy is for the embassy's/consulate's file. The original documents together with a set of duly authenticated copies and the corresponding official receipt will be sent to the applicant. Applicants should therefore send a self-addressed envelope with the appropriate stamp (certified mail or any other desired mail/courier services) to ensure receipt of returned original and authenticated documents.

For further information, please call or write to the nearest Philippine Foreign Service establishment.