



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



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RULES GOVERNING FORMER FILIPINO PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, Section 7, Republic Act (RA) No. 8981 (PRC Modernization Act of 2000) states that the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) is mandated to administer, implement and enforce the regulatory policies of the national government with respect to the regulation and licensing of the various professions and occupations under its jurisdiction; to determine and fix the amount of fees to be charged and collected for examination, registration, registration without examination, professional identification card, certification, docket, appeal, replacement, accreditation, including surcharges and other fees not specified under Republic Act (RA) No. 465, as amended by RA No. 6511, or to charge and collect reasonable fees at the rates higher than the rates provided thereunder, subject to the approval by the Office of the President; and to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectively implement policies with respect to the regulation and practice of the professions;

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the practice of all professions in the Philippines shall be limited to Filipino citizens, save in cases prescribed by law;

WHEREAS, RA No. 8981 and the regulatory laws of the various professions allow foreign nationals to practice their professions in the Philippines by virtue of Reciprocity or Special Temporary Permit (STP);

WHEREAS, there are individuals who have been registered and licensed as professionals while still Filipinos but now have acquired foreign citizenship;

WHEREAS, Section 7 (I) of RA No. 8981 provides that professionals who were former citizens of the Philippines and who had been registered and issued Certificates of Registration (CORs) and Professional Identification Cards (PICs) prior to their naturalization as foreign citizens, may, while in the country on a visit, sojourn or permanent residence, practice their profession: *Provided*, that prior to the practice of their profession, they shall have been issued special permits and updated PICs by the Professional Regulatory Board (Board) concerned, subject to approval by the Commission, upon payment of the permit and annual registration fees;

WHEREAS, there are former Filipino professionals who will not practice in the Philippines but need only to secure certification/confirmation that they had been registered and licensed as professionals with the Commission;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prescribe rules and procedures that will apply to former Filipino professionals who are intending to practice in the Philippines or requesting only for certification/confirmation of their registration as professionals with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, upon review of applicable laws and regulations, the Commission **RESOLVES** to issue and promulgate the "**Rules Governing Former Filipino Professionals**" as follows:

I. DEFINITION OF TERMS: As used in this Resolution, the following terminologies shall be defined as:

1. *Professional* refers to an individual who had been issued a COR and a PIC by the Commission to practice a profession in the Philippines;
2. *Former Filipino Professional* refers to a former citizen of the Philippines who had been issued a COR and a PIC prior to his/her naturalization as a foreign citizen;
3. *Special Permit (SP)* refers to the privilege granted to a former Filipino professional to practice in the Philippines for a limited period of time, subject to the limitations and conditions provided for by law;
4. *Certification/Confirmation of Professional Registration (Annex A)* refers to the document issued by the Commission attesting that an individual is a registered professional;
5. *Updating Fee* refers to the fee to be paid by a former Filipino professional for purposes of updating his/her PIC;
6. *Renewal Fee* refers to the fee to be paid by a professional corresponding to the three (3) year renewal cycle of his/her PIC.

II. RULES ON FORMER FILIPINO PROFESSIONALS

All professionals requesting for the renewal of their PICs shall, for this purpose, be required to present competent proof of Philippine citizenship (*Annex B*). The Commission, through the Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS), and in coordination with the International Affairs Office (IAO) and Licensure Registration Division (LRD), shall cause the names of these individuals to be included in the Commission's masterlist or database of former Filipino professionals.

- A. **Application to Secure Special Permit (SP) to Practice in the Philippines**. A former Filipino professional may practice his/her profession in Philippines, *provided*, that he/she (1) secures an SP; and (2) updates his/her PIC.

Procedure in the Filing and Processing of Applications for the Issuance of SP:

1. The applicant shall file with the Regulation Division (RD) his/her SP application, with the following documentary requirements:

- 1.1 old PRC COR and PIC (if available);
 - 1.2 Certificate of Employment (work must be related to his/her profession) or proof of compliance with the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirement;
 - 1.3 proof of citizenship;
 - 1.4 Certificate of with or with No Pending Case; and
 - 1.5 proof of payment of processing fee.
2. The RD shall forward the application documents to the IAO Qualifications Recognition Division (QRD) which shall indorse the same to the Board concerned.
 3. The Board, through the Focal Person, shall act on the application based on the submitted documents.
 4. The Board Focal Person, if he/she finds the same to be in order, shall recommend the approval of the application.
 5. The IAO QRD shall request the applicant to proceed to the Licensure Registration Division (LRD) for the updating of his/her PIC;
 6. The IAO, upon receipt of the proof of PIC updating, shall prepare the SP Certificate for the signature of the Board Chairperson and the Commission Chairperson.
 7. The IAO, upon receipt of the signed SP Certificate, shall submit the accomplished Service Request Form (SRF) to the Database Management Service Division of the Information and Communications Technology Services (ICTS DMSD) for the inclusion of the applicant's name in the masterlist or database of former Filipino professionals.
 8. The IAO shall issue the SP Certificate¹ to the applicant, upon payment of the permit fee.

B. **Application to Secure Certification/Confirmation of Professional Registration.** A former Filipino professional may be issued a certification/confirmation of his/her registration as a professional, upon payment of the certification fee.

The *Certification/Confirmation of Professional Registration* shall indicate only the name of the professional, date of registration, and the profession concerned.

Procedure in the Filing and Processing of Application for the Issuance of Certification/Confirmation of Professional Registration:

1. The applicant shall submit a letter request to the LRD.
2. The LRD shall, upon verification of the professional status of the applicant and proof of payment of the certification fee, proceed to prepare and issue the *Certification/Confirmation of Professional Registration*.

¹ Subject to the subsequent issuance of Board and Commission Ratification Resolution

- C. **Application for PIC Renewal of those who Reacquired Philippine Citizenship.** A former Filipino professional who has reacquired Philippine citizenship pursuant to RA No. 9225 (Philippine Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003) may apply for PIC renewal, upon compliance with the requirements and conditions prescribed in this Resolution.

Procedure in the Filing and Processing of Applications for PIC Renewal:

1. The applicant shall file with the LRD his/her application for renewal, with the following documentary requirements:
 - 1.1 Certificate of Reacquisition/Retention of Philippine Citizenship (CRPC) issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BI);
 - 1.2 proof of membership to the accredited integrated professional organization, if mandated by the pertinent regulatory law;
 - 1.3 proof of compliance with the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements;
 - 1.4 copy of new Oath of Professional; and
 - 1.5 proof of payment of renewal fees, including applicable surcharge/s.
2. The LRD shall, upon verification of the submitted documents, process the application.
3. The LRD shall submit the accomplished SRF to the ICTS DMSD for the exclusion of the professional's name in the masterlist or database of former Filipino professionals.

All resolutions, orders, circulars and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation, copy furnish the UP Law Center.

Done in the City of Manila this 7 th day of February, 2020.



TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman



YOLANDA D. REYES
Commissioner



JOSE Y. CUETO, JR.
Commissioner

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ANNEX A: *Certification/
Confirmation of Professional
Registration*

This is to certify/confirm that, according to the records of the Commission, Mr/Ms. (name of professional) is a registered (profession), with Certificate of Registration (COR)/Professional Identification Card (PIC) No. () issued on (date of registration).

This Certification is issued upon the request of Mr/Ms. (name of professional) for (state the purpose).

Date and Place of Issuance

Issued by:

Chief/OIC
Professional Registry Division

ANNEX B: *Competent Documents to Prove Philippine Citizenship*

Offices and divisions of the Commission which require proof of the applicant's Philippine citizenship may accept any of the following documents:

1. **Certificate of Live Birth authenticated by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), or the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in the case of a Filipino born abroad; or**
2. **Valid Philippine Passport¹.**

In case of dual citizenship, the office or division shall additionally require the submission of either the:

1. ***Identification Certificate of Philippine Citizenship issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BI);² or***
2. **Certificate of Retention or Re-acquisition issued by the BI.³**

For naturalized citizens of the Philippines, the office or division shall require the applicant to submit any of the following documents:

1. **Certificate of Finality of Decree of Naturalization** (Judicial Naturalization); or
2. **Law or Direct Act of Congress** (Legislative Naturalization); or
3. **Certificate of Naturalization** (Administrative Naturalization)

¹ Sections 3 (d) and 19, R. A. No. 8239 (Philippine Passport Act of 1996)

² *Dual citizen by birth*, i. e. a Filipino born abroad who, by virtue of *jus soli/loci*, acquired the foreign citizenship of his/her place of birth; or a Filipino whose father or mother is a foreigner at the time of birth; or *Derivative naturalization*, i. e. a natural-born Filipino who, due to minority, derived the foreign citizenship of his/her naturalized parent/s.

³ A natural-born Filipino who lost his/her Philippine citizenship by reason of naturalization as a citizen of a foreign country but retained or re-acquired Philippine citizenship under R. A. No. 9225 (Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003).