

AFS PHI VISA TRANSACTION

Dear Partners,

Mabuhay! Provided below are the necessary details when applying visa in the Philippines:

9A VISA: All participants must apply for 9A VISA before they enter the country.

(While it is possible for other nationalities to enter the country visa free, we would like to prevent any interrogative experience with the immigration especially for participants under 18)

Participants applying for a 9A Visa will be given a visa waiver for another 59 days, while some for only 29 days depending on their nationalities (i.e. bilateral relationship of the home country with the Philippines).

Passports are the only requirement for visa extensions.

AFS PHI will provide an Invitation Letter to all participants which they will need for the 9A visa application.

VISA FEES including the service fees for the cooperating agency:

PROGRAM	DURATION	AMOUNT
Intensive Programs (IP)	2 months	100 USD
Trimester Program (YP)	3 months	210 USD
Semester Program (SM)	5 months	320 USD
Year Program (YP)	10 months	550 USD

(We highly encourage sending countries to process the total cost of visa through Finance Module (FM))

For all travel coordinators of sending partners: it is very important to secure the terminal fees when booking return flight of the Participants.

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OTHER INFORMATION

STUDENT VISA: Participants cannot process student visa in their home countries. Student visas can only be facilitated by schools accredited by the Bureau of Immigration (BI). All PHI host Schools are BI accredited.

BIOMETRICS: Participants staying 6 months and beyond are required to have their biometrics only at the main office of the Bureau of Immigration in Manila. Hence, all participants are brought to the said office upon arrival, and before they are endorsed to their respective communities.

ACR Card: ACR (Alien Card) is issued to all foreigners who apply for visa in the Philippines. The validity of the ACR card expires whenever a foreign national (who does not have a permanent resident) travel abroad. Hence, traveling abroad during the program participation is highly discouraged. Participants who will travel during their program will have to be responsible in processing their ACR card as well as the corresponding costs.

REQUIREMENTS WHEN LEAVING THE PHILIPPINES (MORE THAN 6 MONTHS OF STAY):

1. ECC/Exit Clearance - This needs to be processed 5 days before leaving the country. This can only be processed in the immigration office (including satellite offices) and not in the airport.

It is important to note that processing of ECC will need a personal appearance in the Immigration.

2. Biometrics - as processed in the beginning of the program during the arrival orientation

(Participants will be assisted by the AFS PHI National Office, Chapter Volunteers and Staff for all added requirements)

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