

Official requirements for entry of a foreign minor unaccompanied by parents into the Philippines, including templates of forms and other documents that they must accomplish.

For minors above fifteen years of age, Waiver of Exclusion Ground is not needed, but the following must be presented upon arrival of the passenger:

1. Endorsement letter from School or Invitation Letter from organizer of activity
 - a. Bring also any proof that identifies the minor as a student (e.g., school ID)
 2. Birth certificate of child
 3. Photocopy of parent/s' valid passport or identification card
 4. Photocopy of traveling companion's passport
 5. Photocopy of child's passport
 6. Copy of the flight itinerary to and from the Philippines of minor and the travel companion
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For children **below fifteen (15) years of age** who are unaccompanied by or not coming to a parent, to be admitted into the Philippines, they must secure a **Waiver of Exclusion Ground (WEG)** from the Bureau of Immigration

Waiver of Exclusion Ground applications are processed and approved by Philippine immigration authorities at the port of entry, after submission of a notarized affidavit of support and guarantee with consent to travel for WEG and other supporting documents.

Either parent or the child's legal guardian may execute the affidavit before a consular officer at the Philippine Embassy, therein stating that the child will be traveling to the Philippines, either alone or accompanied by a duly appointed travel companion, and indicating the child's place of residence while in the Philippines.

IMPORTANT

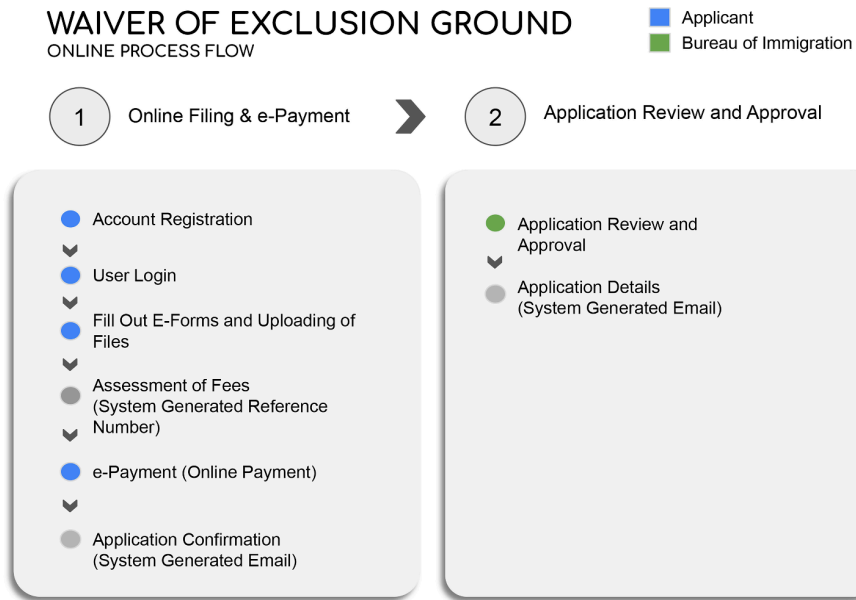
As a rule, foreign minors under fifteen (15) years of age and unaccompanied by a parent, OR not coming to join a parent to the Philippines, are generally excluded from entering the Philippines, except in the following cases:

1. Those with Philippine ancestry and accompanied by a Philippine relative/guardian (with substantive proof—i.e. birth certificate issued by PSA, baptismal certificate, and other public documents acknowledging relationship); and/or
2. Those in possession of a valid Philippine visa except 9A or 9B (tourist/transit)

If not included in the above exemptions, the Waiver of Exclusion Ground (WEG) shall be applied for to avoid exclusion. WEG allows the entry to the country of the aforementioned minor children, who are otherwise excludable under Sec. 29(a)12 of CA No. 613.

Application may be made online at (1) <https://e-services.immigration.gov.ph> at least 72 hours before the intended arrival of the child/ren OR (2) via the Commissioner of Immigration

(1) ONLINE PROCESS (via E-services Portal)



REQUIREMENTS

1. Duly accomplished **WEG application form** via online application through <https://e-services.immigration.gov.ph>
 - a. There is a corresponding fee of Php 3,125.00 for the processing of WEG.
2. **Notarized Affidavit of Support and Guarantee with travel consent for Waiver of Exclusion Ground (W.E.G.)**, executed by either parent of the child.
 - a. *The parent(s) of the foreign minors is/are required to personally file and sign the Affidavit before a Consular Officer at the Philippine Embassy/Consulate.*
3. Scanned image of the child(ren)'s passport information page together with signature page;
4. Valid entry Visa (if required);
5. Scanned image of the passport information page of the parent who executed the Affidavit of Support and Guarantee with travel consent for Waiver of Exclusion Ground (WEG)
6. Scanned image of the traveling companion's passport information page (if any)
7. Scanned image of return ticket
8. Scanned image of the invitation (*from inviting or sponsoring organization*) for the child(ren) to come to the Philippines of both or either of the parents naming the person who will accompany the child and with whom the child will reside in the Philippines.

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. **Original copy** of Notarized Affidavit of Support and Guarantee with travel consent for Waiver of Exclusion Ground (WEG) executed by either parent of the child(ren) must be presented **upon arrival by the passenger or his/her companion.**
2. Online payment of WEG is non-refundable;

3. Advance/online payment of WEG does not guarantee entry into the Philippines. Assessment of the concerned minor's purpose of travel and documentary requirements shall be conducted during the actual immigration inspection at the international port of entry.
4. Please bring a physical copy of the same documents you have uploaded during online application.

(2) ONLINE SUBMISSION (via Commissioner of Immigration)

**fee can be waived depending on the commissioner's perusal*

1. The minor's guardian or legal representative shall, at least 72 hours before arrival, notify the Commissioner of Immigration in writing of intent to travel to the Philippines.
 - a. **Name:** Atty. Norman G. Tansingco
 - b. **Email address:** immigPH@immigration.gov.ph
2. The letter of intent shall include a: request for the minor's waiver of exclusion & relinquishment of exclusion fees.
 - a. Please see page 2 for sample letter of intent:
https://philippine-embassy.de/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/WEG_form.pdf

CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR WAIVER OF EXCLUSION GROUND (WEG)

*Please read carefully the above-stated General Instructions
before proceeding with the completion of the documentary requirements.*

- 1. Letter request addressed to the Commissioner from the parent or the legal guardian;
- 2. Affidavit of Consent of either of the parents of the subject minor (below 15 years of age);
- 3. Photocopy of subject minor's passport bio-page;
- 4. Photocopy of the parent/s' or legal guardian's passport bio-page; and
- 5. Photocopy of the official receipt of payment for the WEG fee.

- b. Attachments - Copies of the minor's
 - i. valid passport
 - ii. visa (if required)
 - iii. return ticket
 - iv. invitation from a parent or sponsoring entity
3. Finding merit in the request, the Commissioner of Immigration shall issue an Order that waives the minor's exclusion. The order may also waive the exclusion fees; otherwise, a waiver fee of P3120 shall be imposed. The minor's guardian or legal representative shall be given copies of this order.
5. The Commissioner of Immigration shall send a copy of the Order to the Immigration Duty Supervisor (IDS) at the port of entry. This Order shall waive the minor's exclusion and, if allowed, also the fees' waiver.

Source: <https://immigration.gov.ph/faqs/>