

Guidelines and Requirements for Applying for Filipino Citizenship Reacquisition Under Republic Act 9225:

1. The Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003 (Republic Act 9225) shall apply to former **natural-born** citizens of the Philippines, as defined by Philippine law and jurisprudence, who have lost their Philippine citizenship by reason of their naturalization as citizens of another country.
2. Corollary to the above, a former natural-born citizen of the Philippines who is abroad and is not an alien registered with the Philippine Bureau of Immigration shall file a petition under oath with the nearest Philippine foreign service post for the issuance of an **Identification Certificate (IC)** under Republic Act 9225.
3. Currently, only Sweden and Finland have passed dual citizenship laws as of 01 July 2003. Former Filipinos who have been naturalized citizens of either Norway, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania may apply but they may be required to renounce their current citizenship in the absence of the relevant dual citizenship law in the host countries.
4. Qualified applicants shall submit the following documentary requirements personally at the Consular Section of the Philippine Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden.

NOTE: All documents should come in one (1) original and three (3) photocopies

- i. Duly-accomplished application form in triplicate. ([click here to download](#))
- ii. Any of the following documents showing proof of Filipino citizenship:
 - a. Philippine birth certificate;
 - b. Old or valid Philippine passport;
 - c. Voter's affidavit or voter's identification card;
 - d. Marriage contract indicating the Philippine citizenship of the applicant; or
 - e. Such other documents that would show that the applicant is a former natural-born citizen of the Philippines as may be accepted by the evaluating officer.

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.

- iii. Eight (8) recent passport-size photographs of the applicant, six (6) of which are taken against a white background and the two (2) against a royal blue background (BI Memorandum Circular No. MCL-08-006).
- iv. original Marriage Certificate, if applicable.
- v. Proof of acquisition of foreign citizenship (For Sweden – *bevis om svensk medborgarskap* from the Swedish Migration Board (*Migrationsverket*); For Finland – naturalization paper issued by the Finnish Immigration Service). This document must be in **English** and **authenticated** by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the country which issued the document.

- vi. If all initial documentary requirements are found in order, the Philippine foreign service post shall issue an **Order of Approval** and request the applicant to pay the **processing fee of SEK392 for the Oath taking, SEK196 for the ID Certificate, SEK196 for the authentication of the Medborgarskapbevis/Naturalization Paper and finally, SEK140 for postage and bank receiving fee.**
 - vii. As a final procedure, the applicant shall be required to personally take his **Oath of Allegiance** before an authorized official of the Philippine Embassy.
 - viii. The Philippine Embassy will issue an **Identification Certificate (IC)** to applicants who have taken the Oath of Allegiance and whose papers have been forwarded to the Bureau.
 - ix. **Re-acquired Philippine citizenship under Republic Act 9225 may be revoked by the competent Philippine authorities upon a substantive finding of fraud, misrepresentation or concealment on the part of the applicant.**
6. **Derivative Philippine Citizenship.** Republic Act 9225 provides for the acquisition of Philippine citizenship by children, below 18 years old, of former natural-born Filipinos who have successfully re-acquired Philippine citizenship under the provisions of the same law. For concerned qualified applicants, the same documentary requirements shall be submitted to the Embassy (include the **original** marriage certificate of parents).

If born abroad (for minor children included in the petition of the applicant), the Birth Certificate issued by competent foreign authorities. Payment of processing fee of SEK196 per child included in the petition (*per BI Memo Circular AFF. 05-002*) plus fee of SEK196 per child for the Report of Birth that will be submitted to the Philippine National Statistics Office.