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**PHILIPPINES
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
visas and abolition of visa fees (with schedule). Manila,
14 August and 23 October 1975**

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**PHILIPPINES
et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant les visas
et l'abolition des droits de visas (avec annexe). Manille,
14 août et 23 octobre 1975**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING VISAS AND ABOLITION OF VISA FEES

I

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 660

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the recent announcement by the Philippine Government that it is seeking changes in its nonimmigrant visa agreement with the United States. The Embassy welcomes this initiative and is prepared to enter into a new agreement without delay. The Embassy's records show that it initiated proposals to mutually relax nonimmigrant visa restrictions between the two countries on January 19, 1972, June 20, 1973, and again on October 30, 1973.

The Embassy is submitting herewith a new schedule of nonimmigrant visas for the consideration of the Philippine Government. It will be noted that it abolishes visa fees in all categories and provides for multiple entry four-year visas in almost every category. This schedule is the standard type of nonimmigrant visa agreement that the United States has concluded with most nations in the world with which it enjoys friendly relations. If the Government of the Philippines finds the proposed schedule satisfactory, the Embassy is prepared to put it into effect upon the receipt of a diplomatic note which declares that U.S. citizens traveling to the Philippines will receive equal treatment. In order to allow sufficient time to notify all of its diplomatic and consular posts of a new agreement, the Embassy believes that any changes agreed upon should take effect on a mutually agreed date approximately one month after an exchange of diplomatic notes has taken place.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enc.: Proposed nonimmigrant visa schedule

Embassy of the United States of America
Manila, August 14, 1975

¹ Came into force on 1 December 1975, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Applications</i>	<i>Validity</i>	<i>Proposed charge by U.S. Embassy— Reciprocity</i>
A-1	Ambassador, public minister, career-diplomat or consular officer, and members of immediate family	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
A-2	Other foreign government official or employee, and members of immediate family	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
A-3	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2 classes, and members of immediate family	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
C-1	Alien in transit	None	One	3 mos.	No change
C-2	Alien in transit to United Nations Headquarters district under § 11(3), (4), or (5) of the Headquarters Agreement	None	Multiple	12 mos.	No change
C-3	Foreign government official, members of immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee, in transit	None	Multiple	12 mos.	No change
D	Crewman (seaman or airman)	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
E-1	Treaty trader, spouse and children	\$53.00 ¹	One	12 mos.	No fee/Multiple/48 months validity
E-2	Treaty investor, spouse and children	\$53.00 ¹	One	12 mos.	No fee/Multiple/48 months validity
F-1	Student	\$53.00 ¹	One	12 mos.	No fee/Multiple/48 months validity
F-2	Spouse or child of student	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
G-1	Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, his staff, and members of immediate family	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
G-2	Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and members of immediate family	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
G-3	Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and members of immediate family	None	One	12 mos.	No change
G-4	International organization officer or employee, and members of immediate family	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months

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G-5	Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 classes, and members of immediate family	None	Multiple	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
H-1	Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability	\$53.00	One	12 mos.	No fee/Multiple/48 months validity ²
H-2	Temporary worker performing services unavailable in the United States	\$53.00	One	12 mos.	No fee/Multiple/48 months validity ²
H-3	Trainee	\$53.00	One	12 mos.	No fee/Multiple/48 months validity ²
H-4	Spouse or child of alien classified H-1, H-2, or H-3	\$53.00 ¹	One	12 mos.	No fee/Multiple/48 months validity ²
I	Representative of foreign information media, spouse, and children	\$53.00 ¹	One	12 mos.	No fee/Multiple/48 months validity
J-1	Exchange visitor	None	One	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
J-2	Spouse or child of exchange visitor	None	One	12 mos.	Extend validity to 48 months
K-1	Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	None	One	6 mos.	No change
K-2	Minor child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	None	One	6 mos.	No change
L-1	Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation)	None	One	12 mos.	Multiple/48 months validity
L-2	Spouse or minor child of alien classified L-1	None	One	12 mos.	Multiple/48 months validity

¹ Children under 14 years of age \$26.00

² May be issued only for period of validity of petition.

II

No. 75-2737

The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 660 dated 14 August 1975, submitting a new schedule of non-immigrant visas for citizens of the Philippines and the United States which would abolish visa fees in all categories and provide for multiple entry four-year visas in almost every category.

The Philippine Government finds the new schedule satisfactory and accordingly it is ready to apply it to United States citizens proceeding to the Philippines beginning 1 December 1975 with the understanding that Philippine citizens travelling to the United States will receive like treatment.

The Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Manila, 23 October 1975
