

Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar schedule for emigrants 20-59 Years Old
(first come, first serve basis) **Starting July 16, 2012**

Country	Day	Time
United States of America	Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (70 slots)	10:00 am - 12:00 nn
	Tuesdays and Fridays (70 slots)	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Canada	Monday to Friday (60 slots)	9:30 am - 12:00 nn
Europe	Tuesdays and Fridays (70 slots)	10:00 am - 12:00 nn
Australia and New Zealand	Tuesdays and Fridays (60 slots)	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Japan and other Asian countries	Mondays and Thursdays (70 slots)	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Peer Counseling Session for emigrants 13-19 Years Old
(first come, first serve basis)

Country	Day	Time
All Countries	Monday to Friday (25 slots)	9:30 am - 12:00 nn
		2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Combined Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar and Peer Counseling Session
schedule for emigrants 13-59 Years Old (first come, first serve basis)
Starting July 16, 2012

Country	Day	Time
United States of America and Canada	Monday to Friday (40 slots)	10:00 am - 12:00 nn
Australia and New Zealand	Mondays and Wednesdays (40 slots)	10:00 am - 12:00 nn
Japan	Tuesdays and Thursdays (40 slots)	10:00 am - 12:00 nn
Europe and other countries	Fridays (40 slots)	10:00 am - 12:00 nn

Exemption from PDOS and Peer Counseling Seminar

Children 12 years old and below are exempted from attending the PDOS. They must, however, be registered, even if by proxy. The following additional documents are required if the proxy is not the legal/natural/ adoptive parent of the registrant.

1. One (1) original and photocopy of valid identification card with photograph of the proxy;
2. SPA authenticated by the Diplomatic post if parents or guardians is/are based overseas; or a duly notarized authorization letter executed by parent/s or guardian/s while in the Philippines.
3. Other documents that may be required by the registration officers.

The following emigrants are exempted from attending the PDOS and registering in person with the CFO, provided that they are registered by a proxy:

- Those who are 60 years old and above;
- Those incapacitated due to permanent or long-term ailments; or
- Those with mental health issues or psychologically-challenged.

In the registration of the above emigrants, the proxy is required to present the following requirements in addition to the usual requirements:

- Medical certificate/report (except those 60 years old and above);
- Letter of authorization from the emigrant (if applicable to the case); and
- Original and photocopy of a valid identification card with photograph of the proxy.

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Requirements for Registration

Filipino emigrants or those leaving the country to settle permanently abroad are required to register with the **Commission on Filipinos Overseas**, and attend the Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) or Peer Counseling Session. Topics discussed include travel regulations, immigration procedures, cultural differences, settlement concerns, employment and social security concerns and rights and obligations of Filipino migrants.

The PDOS is for emigrants petitioned by their parents, siblings, or immediate relatives, including independent applications; who are 20-59 years old, while the Peer Counseling Program is for emigrants aged 13-19 years old. Registration and attendance in the Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar/Peer Counseling Program at CFO Manila and CFO Cebu is on a first-come, first-serve, walk-in basis. The Commission will only accept emigrants with complete registration requirements. **The number of attendees per session is limited based on the maximum capacity of the orientation and counseling rooms.** Please be at the CFO office at least one(1) hour before the session to avoid inconvenience.

The following are the requirements for registration:

1. Original and photocopy of valid passport;
2. Original and photocopy of visa;
3. One (1) 2x2 or passport-size photograph ;
4. One (1) valid identification card with photograph;
5. Original and photocopy of Confirmation of Permanent Residence (*for Canada-bound emigrants*);
6. Photocopy of Immigrant Data Summary (*for USA-bound emigrants except for K visa holders*);
7. Original and photocopy of Certificate of Eligibility (*for Japan-bound emigrants*);
8. Original and photocopy of Nulla Osta (*for Italy-bound emigrants*);
9. Original and photocopy of letter of approval for Work to Residence visa (*for New Zealand-bound emigrants*);
10. Printed copy of Visa Grant Notification Letter (*for Australia-bound emigrants*);
11. Photocopy of employment contract (*for immigrant workers*);
12. Duly completed registration form (*downloadable at www.cfo.gov.ph*);
13. Payment of PhP400.00 registration fee;
14. Attendance in the PDOS or Peer Counseling session.

For questions, please contact:



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