

Exchange Visitor Program Committee in the Philippines

RESOLUTION NO. 02 - 2021

REVISED GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES ON THE WAIVER OF THE TWO-YEAR HOME-COUNTRY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR EXCHANGE VISITORS

WHEREAS, the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) Committee in the Philippines is mandated to promulgate policies, rules and regulations to implement Philippine participation in the program;

WHEREAS, the EVP Committee issued Resolution No. 01-2008, "*Amending the Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors*" in April 2008 which simplified the submission of the required documents for the application for No Objection Statement (NOS);

WHEREAS, the Resolution No. 01-2008 was further amended by the following EVP Committee Resolutions:

1. EVP Resolution No. 01-2010, "*Amended Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors*";
2. EVP Resolution No. 02-2010, "*Guidelines for the Utilization of the Processing Fee Collected from the EVP Participants Applying for No Objection Statement, Second Amendment for the Purpose of Section 6, C of the Guidelines and Procedure on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors*", and
3. EVP Resolution No. 01-2016, "*Amended Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors*", where the Committee grants NOS to those who are married to a US citizen, has a US citizen minor child, is a religious missionary or whose profession is not included in the 2007 Skills List of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the EVP Committee recognizes the need to ensure that Philippine participation in the EVP is intended as cultural and educational exchange, and not as a pathway for migration and employment in the United States;

WHEREAS, the EVP Committee is mandated to formulate and recommend policies to the President to ensure that maximum benefits shall accrue to the Philippines in its participation in the EVP, by requiring participants to return to the Philippines after their cultural and educational experience in the United States;

WHEREAS, the EVP Committee underscores the need for Filipino EVP participants to return to the Philippines after the completion of their program to comply with the two-year home country requirement set by US Government and to share the knowledge and experiences acquired in the United States through the EVP with their fellow Filipinos and the Philippine Government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to revise and amend the existing Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors necessary in the operationalization of the EVP;

NOW THEREFORE, the EVP Committee **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVES**, to adopt the “***Revised Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors***”, attached hereto as Annex “A”.

All orders, resolutions, guidelines and other actions, which are inconsistent with this resolution are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

This resolution and its Annex shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication.

Done this 6th day of April 2021 in the City of Manila, Philippines.