# WHAT TO PREPARE AND EXPECT ON THE DAY OF THE INTERVIEW? (IMMIGRANT VISA CATEGORY)

### What do I need to bring?

- INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT LETTER
- PASSPORT valid for at least 6 months from the time of visa issuance
- DS-230 PARTS I AND II
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE (must be issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on security paper)
- MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (if applicable). For Philippine marriages, the copy of the marriage certificate must be printed on National Statistics Office (NSO) security paper.
- CERTIFICATE OF NO MARRIAGE RECORD (CENOMAR). If you have never contracted marriage, a CENOMAR (Singleness) issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO) and printed on NSO security paper should be submitted.
- NBI CLEARANCE. Applicants aged 16 years and older must have a valid Record Clearance for Travel Abroad Purposes from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).
- OTHER COUNTRY POLICE CERTIFICATES. Applicants aged 16 years and older must also present police certificates from other countries where they have lived for one (1) year or more after reaching the age of 16.
- COURT AND PRISON RECORDS: Applicants who have been arrested, charged or convicted of a crime must present copies or transcripts of court or prison records relating to the crime or offense.
- MILITARY OR POLICE SERVICE RECORDS: Applicants who served in the military or police should present certified copies of their military or police service records.
- EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT (Petitioner's affidavit of support, federal income tax return (Form 1040) and wage statements (Form W-2s).
- SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IDENTITY AND/OR RELATIONSHIP
- COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND TRANSLATIONS. All documents must be in English or accompanied by certified English translations.
- FEES. Immigrant visa application fees may be paid in cash, traveler's check, U.S. Postal Money Order, or major credit cards at the Embassy's consular cashier, if these have not been paid to the National Visa Center (NVC) in the U.S.
- 2 VISA PHOTOGRAPHS. Photos must be recent (taken within the past 6 months). The size of the photo should be 2 by 2 inches (roughly 50 mm square) with a white background and the head centered in the frame. Please see <a href="http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info\_3746.html">http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info\_3746.html</a> for detailed instructions.

#### What not to bring?

You are not permitted to bring cell phones or other electronic devices into the U.S. Embassy. You will be denied entry if you bring such devices.

### How long will I be at the Embassy?

The process usually takes several hours. You may have to spend most of the day at the Embassy before a decision is reached regarding your application. If unexpected complications arise, you may be asked to return to the Embassy at another time.

### How do I get my visa?

- The issued visa will be delivered directly to your designated address by 2GO commercial courier, the Embassy's authorized courier service provider for the visa units, at no additional cost.
- You also have the option to pick up the issued visa at any 2GO branch.

## Still have questions?

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