



**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
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**ADVISORY # 16**

**For Filipino Tourists/ Residence Permit Holders in Germany with  
Expiring/ Expired Status in view of Restrictions Due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Further to the Philippine Embassy's earlier Advisory dated 19 March 2020 for Filipino tourists/residence permit holders currently in Germany with expired/expiring status, the Embassy wishes to reiterate the following information from the German Federal Foreign Office/Auswärtiges Amt:

**a. For holders of national visas (D visas) or residence permit:**

Before the expiry of your permit, please submit, via email, an application for renewal of your residence permit to the Immigration Office (Auslanderbehörde) responsible for your case. Provide your complete personal data: complete name as spelt in accordance with German law, date of birth, place and country of birth, sex, nationality, passport number, the type of visa/permit and immigration case number (if available).

Upon submission of the application for renewal, the current permit is deemed to be valid until the Immigration Office (Auslanderbehörde) has rendered a decision.

In view of possible control/monitoring situations, it is recommended that you are in possession, at all times, of a print-out (or in another form. i.e. image screenshot) of your application for renewal of the permit, your current expired/expiring permit, and your own passport/ identity document.

**b. For holders of Schengen visas (C visas)**

The extension of a Schengen visa generally requires a personal interview. However, in light of the current situation, a request to extend the time limit for departure can be made via e-mail to the Immigration Office (Auslanderbehörde) where you are currently located. The request for extension must be accompanied by your complete personal data - complete name as spelt in accordance with German law, date of birth, place and country of birth, sex, nationality, and passport number.

In view of possible control/monitoring situations, you must have the reply of the Immigration Office, your Schengen visa, and your passport in your possession at all times.

Please note, however, that the Federal Foreign Office likewise reiterates that the situation is very fluid and short-term changes in guidelines can be expected at any given time. Thus, concerned individuals are requested to always consult with the Immigration Office (Auslanderbehörde) responsible for your case.

The Federal Foreign Office likewise advises that temporary visitors in Germany, particularly Schengen visitor visa holders, should avail of the earliest opportunity to return to their country of residence even if this does not correspond to their original travel plans, or even if this may result in a shortened stay in Germany.

The Embassy will continue to disseminate additional information as these become available. Please continue to follow our Facebook page for updates.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

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