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Warden Message

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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

CHANGES TO THE CONSULAR SCHEDULE OF FEES TO TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 13, 2010

In order to cover increasing costs of providing highest-quality service for American Citizen's Services and Immigrant Visa applications, the U.S. Department of State will change certain fees worldwide beginning July 13, 2010. The U.S. Embassy in Manila will immediately begin collecting the new fees for appointments made for July 13 or later.

The Department of State published its new Schedule of Fees for Consular Services in the Federal Register on June 28, 2010. The changes to the schedule, which include fees for the passport, immigrant visa and other consular services, will be implemented on July 13, 2010.

The new fees are as follows:

Immigrant Visa Fees	Current Fee	New Fee
IV Application Processing Fees		
1. Immediate relative and family preference cases	\$355	\$330
2. Employment-based cases	\$355	\$720
3. Other immigrant visas (SIVs, DVs, etc.)	\$355	\$305
Immigrant Visa Security Surcharge	\$45	\$74
Diversity Visa Lottery Surcharge	\$375	\$440
Domestic Review of Affidavit of Support	\$70	\$88
Special Visa Services: Determining Returning Resident Status	\$400	\$380
Passport Fees	Current Fee	New Fee
Passport Book – Adult	\$ 100.00**	\$ 135.00**
Passport Book – Minor	\$ 85.00**	\$ 105.00**
Passport Book Renewal – Adult	\$ 75.00	\$ 110.00
Additional passport visa pages	-	\$ 82.00
Passport Card – Adult	\$ 45.00**	\$ 55.00**
Passport Card – Child	\$ 35.00**	\$ 40.00**
Consular Report of Birth Abroad	\$ 65.00	\$ 100.00
Renunciation of U.S. Citizenship	-	\$ 450.00
File Search and Verification of U.S. Citizenship	\$ 60.00	\$ 150.00

Overseas Citizens Services	Current Fee	New Fee
Disposition/Shipment of Remains of a non-U.S. Citizen	\$265.00 + expenses	\$200.00 + expenses
Documentary Services	Current Fee	New Fee
Notarials, Certifications of True Copies, Authentications, provision of Department of State records	\$ 30.00 (first), 20.00 (addtl)	\$ 50.00
Judicial Services	Current Fee	New Fee
Processing Letters Rogatory & FSIA	\$ 735.00	\$ 2,275.00
Taking Depositions or Executing Commissions:		
1. Scheduling/Arranging Depositions	\$ 475.00	\$ 1,283.00
2. Attending or Taking Depositions	\$ 265.00/hr + expenses	\$ 309.00/hr + expenses
3. Swearing in Witnesses	\$ 265.00/hr + expenses	\$ 231.00/hr + expenses
4. Supervising Telephone Depositions	\$ 265.00/hr + expenses	\$ 231.00/hr + expenses
5. Providing Seal and Certification	\$ 70.00	\$ 415.00
Administrative Services	Current Fee	New Fee
Consular Time Charges (per hour)	\$ 265.00	\$ 231.00

In general, the new fees are due in full for any services provided on or after July 13, 2010. For instance, if a customer submits his/her application for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) on July 13, 2010 (day of implementation), he/she must pay the fee due on that day (\$100). In contrast, if an applicant submits his/her CRBA application and fee payment on July 12, 2010 (day before implementation), he/she need only pay the fee valid on that date (\$65).

With regards to immigrant visa cases, payment rules are as follows: Applicants who receive bills from the NVC that are dated after July 13 must pay the new processing fees. Fees paid at the Embassy or to NVC prior to the publication of the final rule are considered paid in full at the current rate, and these applicants will not be required to pay additional fees to cover the difference between the current and new fees. Applicants already billed by NVC prior to July 13, 2010 will only pay the fees billed, regardless of whether they pay before or after the new fees are implemented. If applicants paid their visa application processing fees before March 2005, they will be required to pay the security surcharge.

For further information, please visit this link: http://travel.state.gov/news/news_5078.html.

**This includes a \$25 Execution fee not retained by Department of State.