

U.S. Embassy, Manila, Philippines

Message for U.S. Citizens: Preparing For the 2015 Tax Filing Season

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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.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has provided guidance for U.S. citizens abroad preparing for the 2015 tax filing season. This IRS guidance is posted under [Federal Benefits and Obligations](#) on travel.state.gov.

The IRS has created the [International Taxpayers webpage](#) (<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/International-Taxpayers>) to help answer questions and provide the forms needed to navigate some of the complexities faced by American citizens and other taxpayers who live and work abroad. Other resources include information on the foreign earned income and foreign housing exclusions and foreign tax credit, along with instructions on how to catch up on filing tax returns.

If you are a taxpayer who lives outside the United States and have specific individual or business account questions, you may contact the International Taxpayer Service Call Center by phone or fax. The International Call Center is operational Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Eastern Time):

Tel: (267) 941-1000 (not toll-free)

Fax: (267) 941-1055

International taxpayers with tax questions may also visit the "[Help with Tax Questions](#)" webpage. The IRS office formerly located at the US Embassy in Beijing closed last year.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila is located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, and is open 07:30-16:00, Monday through Friday. The Embassy's main telephone number is (632) 301-2000. U.S. citizens needing to speak to the Embassy can dial this number and ask to be connected to the American Citizens Services (ACS) unit. You can also contact the ACS unit through email at ACSInfoManila@state.gov or through the [Embassy Facebook page](#). Please [visit our website](#) for information on all services offered by the ACS unit. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance outside of business hours, call the Embassy's emergency after-hours number (632) 301-2000 and ask for the Embassy Duty Officer.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in the Philippines enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) at travel.state.gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State [Department's website](#), where you can find current [Travel Warnings](#), including the [Travel Warning for the Philippines](#), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for the Philippines](#). For additional information, refer to "[Traveler's Checklist](#)" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips