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**CFO – SMEF-COW/PRISM GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING/REGISTRATION
PROCEDURES FOR SPOUSES AND OTHER PARTNERS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS**

Under DFA Department Orders No. 28-94 and No. 11-97, Filipino spouses and other partners of foreign nationals are required to attend the guidance and counseling program as a pre-requisite to the issuance of passports. The objective is to help the said clientele make informed decisions and prepare them for the realities of cross-cultural marriages.

The **St. Mary Euphrasia Foundation-Center for Overseas Workers (SMEF-COW)** and the **People’s Reform Initiative for Social Mobilization Inc. (PRISM)** conduct the guidance and counseling program to Filipino spouses and other partners of foreign nationals at their premises in Metro Manila and Cebu City. The **Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO)** issues the guidance and counseling certificate to clients who have satisfactorily completed the guidance and counseling requirements at SMEF-COW/PRISM.

Counseling Requirements for Filipino Spouses and Other Partners of Foreign Nationals

1. Two (2) valid identification cards with photograph;
2. Duly completed guidance and counseling form;
3. If married, certified true copy and photocopy of marriage contract on security paper from the National Statistics Office (NSO), or the Local Civil Registry Offices (LCRO); or original and photocopy of marriage contract duly authenticated by the Philippine embassy/consulate (if married abroad);
4. Other documents as may be required by the counselors; and
5. Payment of P250.00 counseling fee.

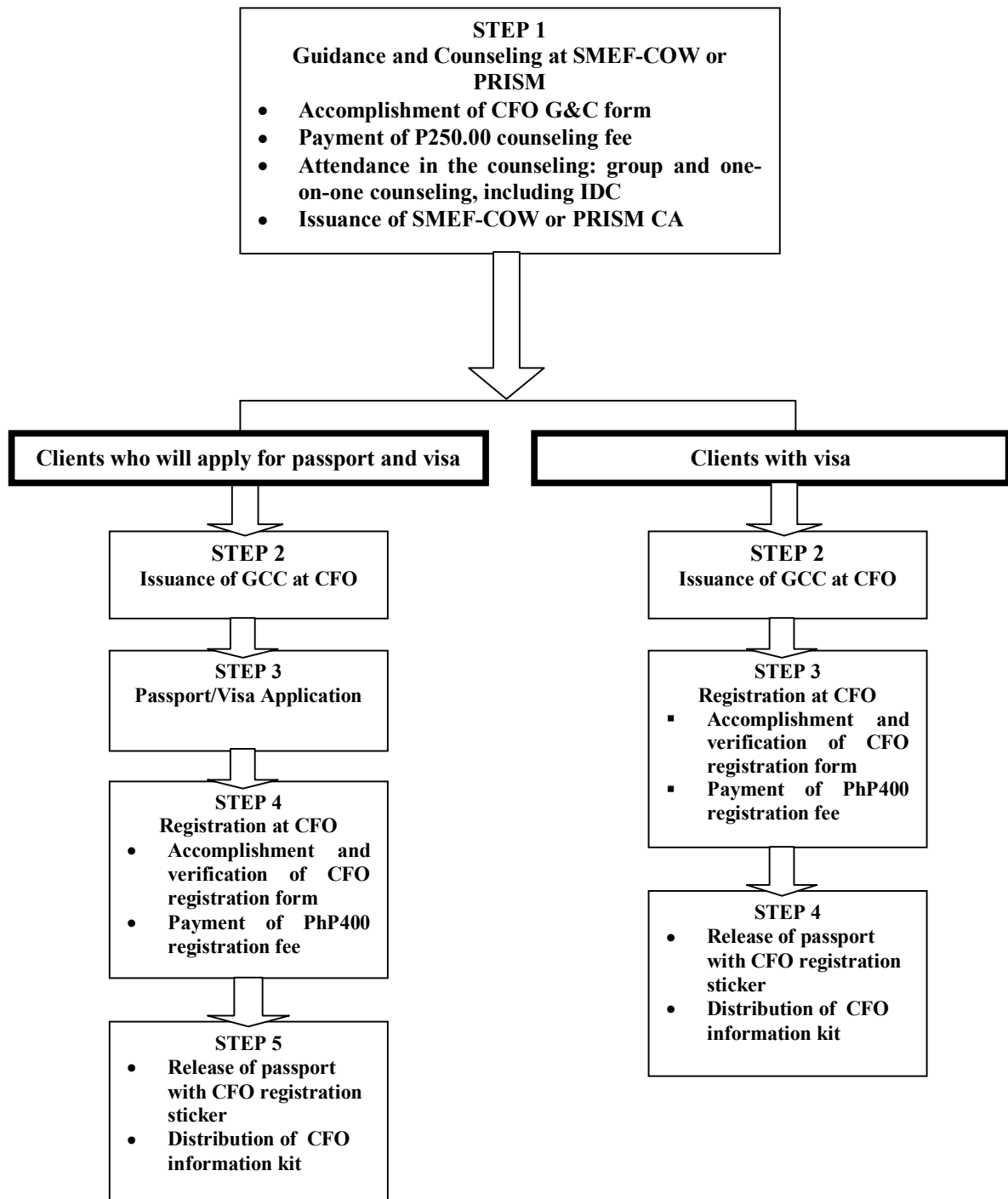
After receipt of the passport and visa, the Filipino spouses and other partners of foreign nationals will have to register with CFO prior to their departure. Registration is done either in CFO Manila or Cebu Extension Office, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An emigrant registration sticker is affixed to the emigrant’s passport as proof of registration.

Registration Requirements for Filipino Spouses and Other Partners of Foreign Nationals

1. Original passport;
2. Original and photocopy of visa;
3. Original and photocopy of Immigrant Data Summary for US bound/ Confirmation of Permanent Residence for Canada bound/ Embassy Certification of Eligibility (for Spain bound C visa holders);
4. Original CFO guidance and counseling certificate;

5. Duly completed emigrant registration form; and
6. Payment of PhP400.00 registration fee.

CFO GUIDANCE & COUNSELING PROGRAM FLOWCHART OF OPERATIONS



Legend:

CFO	–	Commission on Filipinos Overseas
SMEF-COW	–	St. Mary Euphrasia Foundation - Center for Overseas Workers
PRISM	–	People’s Reform Initiative for Social Mobilization, Inc.
G&C	–	Guidance and Counseling
IDC	–	In-depth Counseling
CA	–	Certificate of Attendance
GCC	–	Guidance and Counseling Certificate

CFO information kit includes immigrant handbook, directory of post arrival service providers, addresses of Philippine embassies and consulates, feedback form, and pre-departure checklist.

SCHEDULE OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SESSIONS IN METRO MANILA

A. NORTH AMERICA

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| 1. | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | Monday-Friday | 10:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. |
| 2. | CANADA | Tuesday & Friday | 1:30 p.m. |

B. ASIA-PACIFIC

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| 1. | JAPAN | Monday-Friday | 10:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. |
| 2. | AUSTRALIA | Monday-Friday | 3:30 p.m. |
| 3. | NEW ZEALAND | Wednesday | 3:30 p.m. |
| 4. | TAIWAN | Tuesday & Friday | 10:00 a.m. |
| 5. | KOREA AND OTHER ASIA-PACIFIC COUNTRIES | Tuesday & Thursday | 1:30 p.m. |

C. EUROPE

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| 1. | GERMANY | Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 1:30 p.m. |
| 2. | UNITED KINGDOM | Tuesday and Thursday | 10:00 a.m. |
| 3. | SWEDEN | Monday | 10:00 a.m. |
| 4. | NORWAY | Monday | 1:30 p.m. |
| 5. | DENMARK | Tuesday | 3:30 p.m. |
| 6. | BELGIUM | Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. |
| 7. | NETHERLANDS | Wednesday | 1:30 p.m. |
| 8. | ITALY | Thursday | 10:00 a.m. |
| 9. | FRANCE | Friday | 3:30 p.m. |
| 10. | OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES | Monday | 3:30 p.m. |

D. MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

Thursday 3:30 p.m.

E. SOUTH/LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

Monday 3:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SESSIONS IN CEBU CITY

United States and Canada

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 nn

Japan

Monday and Wednesday 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Australia and New Zealand

Wednesday and Friday 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Other Countries

Monday 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.