

**AN INQUIRY ON FORMER FILIPINOS WHO HAD RETAINED AND
RE-ACQUIRED THEIR PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP**

Dear Participant,

This questionnaire aims to assess the impact of Republic Act 9225 or the Citizenship Reacquisition and Retention Act of 2003 on the rights, privileges and responsibilities of overseas Filipinos, and to assess the contribution of the law in promoting investments and businesses, among others, in the Philippines. It also intends to examine the issues and concerns affecting the efficiency and enforcement of the law to improve further the delivery of programs and services to overseas Filipinos.

Your responses to the questions will help the government initiate legislations and implement programs and services to address the Dual Citizens' concerns and views. Thank you for your valued cooperation.

(Please type or print legibly)

Name: _____

Age: _____ **Sex:** () Male () Female **Citizenships:** _____

Address: _____

Place of origin in the Philippines: _____

E-mail address: _____

Contact Nos.: _____
Telephone No. Mobile No. Facsimile No.

Occupation: (a) prior to migration _____ (b) at present _____

How long have you been staying in your host country? _____ years and _____ months

Are you a member of any Filipino organization in your host country? () Yes () No

If yes, please specify which organization? _____

If married, name of spouse? _____

QUESTIONS:

A. Knowledge and Awareness of the Law

1. Are you aware or have sufficient information on the provisions and conditions under the Dual Citizenship Law?

___ Yes ___ No ___ Some

2. If you answered 'yes' and 'some' in the preceding question, what is the level of your awareness to the provisions of the law?

___ High level of awareness
___ Medium level of awareness
___ Low level of awareness

3. Are the provisions and conditions under the law clear to you?

Yes No Some

4. Which provisions of the law are vague to you? Please specify? (check as many as applicable)

- Political rights (such as the rights to vote in Philippine elections and be elected or appointed for a public office)
- Travel benefits (such as the rights to acquire a Filipino passport and have a visa-free entry to the Philippines)
- Investment privileges (such the rights to own a real property in the Philippines and engage in business as a Filipino)
- Right to practice one's profession in accordance with law
- Taxation (Double taxation)
- Inheritance
- Others, please specify _____

5. How did you learn about the Dual Citizenship Law? (check as many as applicable)

- Philippine Embassy or Consulate
- Philippine Journal or other Filipino publications in your host country
- Campaign materials from the Bureau of Immigration
- Television (such as TFC and Pinoy TV)
- Internet
- Relatives and Friends
- Others, please specify _____

6. Have you acquired the citizenship in your host country? () Yes () No

If yes, when and why? _____

If no, why? _____

7. Have you re-acquired your Filipino citizenship under the Dual Citizenship Law? ()Yes ()No

If yes, when? _____

If no, please proceed to the next question.

8. If you answered 'no', what is/are the reasons why you have not re-acquired your Filipino citizenship under the Dual Citizenship Law? (check as many as applicable)

- No enough information about the law
- No sufficient time to apply
- Lack of required documents
- Benefits enumerated under the law do not attract/entice the applicants
- Place of work/residence is far from the nearest Philippine Post
- Application fee is expensive
- Others, please specify _____

9. If you answered 'yes' in question number 7, how long have you been a naturalized citizen of your host country before you applied for dual citizenship? _____ years and _____ months

10. Will you encourage your relatives or friends to apply for dual citizenship?

Yes No

B. Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities of Dual Citizens under the Law

11. What encouraged you to apply for dual citizenship? (check as many as applicable)

- Loyalty and patriotism to the Philippines
- Availment of political rights (such as the rights to vote in Philippine elections and be elected or appointed for a public office)
- Travel benefits (such as the rights to acquire a Filipino passport and have a visa-free entry to the Philippines)
- Investment privileges (such the rights to own a real property in the Philippines and engage in business as a Filipino)
- Right to practice one's profession in accordance with law
- Others, please specify _____

12. Did dual citizenship in any way facilitate your application or availment of the following: (check as many as applicable)

- Availment of political rights (such as the rights to vote in Philippine elections and be elected or appointed for a public office)
- Travel benefits (such as the rights to acquire a Filipino passport and have a visa-free entry to the Philippines)
- Investment privileges (such the rights to own a real property in the Philippines and engage in business as a Filipino)
- Right to practice one's profession in accordance with law
- Others, please specify _____

13. If you checked 'availment of political rights' in the preceding question, please answer the appropriate question for you.

- a. When was the last time you voted in Philippine elections (either in the Philippines or through absentee voting)? _____
- b. In what government position/office were you appointed? _____
- c. What electoral position did you vie for? _____ When? _____
Did you win? () Yes () No

14. If you checked 'travel benefits' in question number 11, please answer the appropriate question for you.

- a. Do you hold a Philippine passport? () Yes () No
- b. How many times have you visited the Philippines without a visa after you have retained / re-acquired your dual citizenship? _____

15. If you checked 'investment privileges' in question number 11, please answer the appropriate question for you.

- a. Purchased / acquired a real property in the Philippines? () Yes () No
Purpose: () Residential
() Commercial
() Retirement
- b. Engaged into business? () Yes () No
What kind of business? _____
Where? _____
- c. Others, please specify _____

16. If you checked ‘practice one’s profession in accordance with law’ in question number 11, please answer the appropriate question for you.

- a. What profession did you practice? _____
Where? _____
When? _____

17. In what way did the law uphold your right and welfare as a Filipino?

18. Did your political and economic status as a Filipino migrant abroad improve upon your re-acquisition of your Philippine citizenship?

- Yes No In certain conditions

19. If you answered ‘yes’ or ‘in certain conditions’, please explain your answer.

20. Did your application for dual citizenship, in any way, affect your status in your host country (e.g. possibility of losing permanent residency status or foreign citizenship?) () Yes () No

If yes, please explain your answer.

21. In availing of the rights and privileges entitled to you as dual citizens, how do you rate the implementation of the law or the delivery of services by the Philippine government?

- Very satisfied Fairly satisfied
 Satisfied Not satisfied

22. Are there any difficulties encountered in the availment of the abovementioned entitlements? () Yes () No

23. If yes, list three most important issues and concerns you encountered as dual citizens that you wish the Philippine government should address.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

24. Do you plan to settle in the Philippines in the future?

- Yes No

C. Views and Comments on the Law

25. How important is the law to your welfare as a Filipino citizen abroad?

___ Very important ___ Important ___ Fairly Important ___ Not Important

26. In what way can dual citizenship assist in Philippine national development?

27. If given the chance to amend the law, which specific provision/s do you want to change or add?

28. Any comments and suggestions for the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Bureau of Immigration and other relevant agencies on the delivery of their programs and services on dual citizenship?

Note: Please be assured that responses to the questionnaires shall be treated as strictly confidential. For more information or questions regarding this survey, you may contact the Policy, Planning and Research Division of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (ATTN: Ian Vergel Agsalda) at telephone number (632) 561-8160, telefax number (632) 561-8291 or e-mail at info@cfo.gov.ph or ivagsalda@cfo.gov.ph. For inquiries sent through e-mail, please write "Questionnaire on Dual Citizenship" in the subject line. Thank you.