



MECO CONSULAR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) advises the public that Machine Readable Visa for the Philippines (MRV) will be issued starting 01 April 2009.

In this regard **starting April 1, 2009 no application will be accepted for photographs not in compliance with the foregoing to wit:**

1. PHOTOGRAPHS - two (2) pieces, color, taken within the last six (6) months
2. SIZE - 2 inches by 2 inches
3. BACKGROUND - white
4. POSE - full frontal
5. IMAGE SIZE - must occupy approximately between 70% to 80% of the photograph
6. CLEAN PHOTOGRAPH - free from ink, marks, dirt, grease, finger and paste stains
7. ATTIRE - decent attire
8. QUALITY - color should reproduce natural skin tones, no shading or reflection allowed
9. FACIAL FEATURES - all facial features should be accurately presented, any moles, birth marks or scars should not be obscured.
10. EYEGLASSES/SHADES - not allowed, except in the case of medically blind, provided that the applicant can still be recognized through his/her photo
11. HEAD SCARF/VEIL - not allowed except for religious and medical reasons, but should not cover the eyebrows/eyes
12. CAPS/HEADGEAR - not allowed
13. CONTACT LENSES - not allowed except for medical reasons, provided that it will not change the color of the eyes
14. FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE OUTRIGHT REJECTED -
 - a. Photo with red eye effect
 - b. Dirty photo
 - c. Image of the face too big
 - d. Image of the face too small
 - e. Wrong color background
 - f. Poor quality photo (washed out image/unnatural skin tone)
 - g. Does not look directly into the camera except those with medical/physical condition.

Please comply with the aforesaid requirements, as any failure to do so will delay the processing of your application.