

# **PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL SHANGHAI, CHINA OVERSEAS VOTING**

## **ADVISORY**

In connection with the ongoing 2016 National Elections, the Filipino community is informed of the attached OFOV Guidelines 2016-001 from COMELEC entitled **“In the matter of allowing registered overseas voters to vote in Post where he or she is currently residing”**.

All registered overseas voters with **“active registration status”** in any Philippine Foreign Service Post may now be allowed to vote in any Philippine Embassy or Consulate that is near their current location. An Overseas Voter who may wish to vote in a Post other than his registered place of voting is required to do the following:

1. Fill-out a manifest stating his or her intention to vote before the aforesaid Embassy or Consulate concerned. A copy of the manifest can be claimed from the Special Board of Election Inspectors (SBEI) upon arrival at Post; and
2. Present a valid voter's ID or any competent document to prove his or her identity.

Upon completion of the above-mentioned procedure, the SBEI will verify the registration status of the overseas voter with COMELEC.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS**  
Intramuros, Manila

*Office of Commissioner Arthur D. Lim*

Office for Overseas Voting

IN THE MATTER OF ALLOWING  
REGISTERED OVERSEAS VOTERS TO  
VOTE IN POST WHERE HE/SHE IS  
CURRENTLY RESIDING:

OFOV GUIDELINES 2016-001

WHEREAS, some registered Filipino overseas voters have been clamoring that they be allowed to vote at the embassy/consulate/post nearest their places of current residence and/or work;

WHEREAS, the Commission is cognizant of the unique status of overseas Filipinos and the fact that they are highly mobile;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes and values the right of suffrage of every Filipino overseas voter;

WHEREFORE, by the virtue of the powers vested in me under COMELEC Resolution No.9985 as Commissioner-in-Charge for Overseas Voting, the following guidelines are hereby issued and implemented, to wit:

1. All registered overseas voters with active registration status (herein referred to as "active OVs") in any Post may be allowed to vote in the embassy/consulate/post near their current places of residence or work. For this purpose, said active OVs shall manifest their intention to vote in writing before the aforesaid embassy/consulate/post concerned. Said Manifestation of Intent to Vote is hereto attached as Annex "A";
2. Upon receipt by the embassy/consulate/post concerned of said manifestation, said overseas voter shall be required to present a valid voter's ID or any competent document to prove his/her identity;
3. The embassy/consulate/post concerned shall then verify the status of registration of said overseas voter by communicating with the Commission, through the OFOV hotlines, to determine the status of said overseas voter and the Post whereat he/she has registered. OFOV hotlines are as follows:

Tel No. : (632) 522-22-51  
(632) 521-29-52

E-mail : [comelec\\_coav@yahoo.com](mailto:comelec_coav@yahoo.com)  
[overseasvoting@comelec.gov.ph](mailto:overseasvoting@comelec.gov.ph)

Address: 8/F Palacio del Gobernador Bldg., Intramuros, Manila  
Tel. Nos.: 527-0836 / 527-0825  
Fax: 527-9766

Facebook : COMELEC Office for Overseas Voting

Viber : +639490601521

Twitter : @ComelecOFOV

4. If after verification, the status of said overseas voter is established as active, the OFOV shall forthwith issue the corresponding authority to the SBEI of the embassy/consulate/post concerned allowing said active OV to vote in the embassy/consulate/post concerned;
5. If said overseas voter is not a registered voter or has been deactivated, said overseas voter shall not be allowed to vote.
6. The SBEI of the embassy/consulate/post concerned where the active OV will be allowed to vote shall manually write the name of the active OV in OVF No. 2-A and annotate therein "voter in (name of Post)" followed by the date of voting. The active OV shall likewise affix his/her signature in OVF No. 2-A in the presence of the SBEI before said active OV may be allowed to cast his/her ballot.
7. In Posts adopting personal voting where there are multiple SBEIs for voting, said active OVs shall be assigned to the last SBEI Number for this purpose.
8. The fact of voting shall be recorded in, and the authority to vote as issued by the OFOV shall be attached to, the Minutes of Voting;
9. In Posts adopting postal voting, ballots for seafarers shall be used and issued to said active OV. The fact of voting shall be reflected in OVF No. 2-A by entering therein the serial numbers of the ballot, paper seal, and ballot envelope issued to the said active OV.
10. For purposes of monitoring and recording, the embassy/consulate/post concerned shall, at the end of each voting day:
  - (a) Prepare a list of the names and Posts of the active OVs who were allowed to cast their votes; and
  - (b) E-mail the list to OFOV on the same day.
  - (c) The OFOV shall, on a daily basis:
    - a. Update its list of active voters who were allowed to vote pursuant to these guidelines; and
    - b. E-mail the updates to all Posts.
  - (d) The Posts shall, upon receipt of the updated list from the OFOV, distribute the list to all SBEIs for their information and guidance.

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11. The SBEI in the Post where said active OV is originally registered shall annotate in OVF No. 2-A, the fact of voting by said active OV by annotating the phrase "voted in (name of embassy/consulate/post where active OV voted) on (date of voting)"

For strict implementation.



ARTHUR D. LIM  
Commissioner-in-Charge

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Annex "A"

**MANIFESTATION OF INTENTION TO VOTE**

Name of Voter : \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Overseas Voter in : \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare under oath that I did not receive any ballot nor cast my vote  
in \_\_\_\_\_ or in any other Post during the 30-day voting period for the  
May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections.

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*Signature of voter above printed name*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2016 at the \_\_\_\_\_

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SBEI Chairman

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