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# Philippines – COVID-19: Lifting of Ban on Non-Essential Outbound Travel

The Philippine government is allowing Filipino nationals to leave the Philippines for non-essential travel starting 21 October 2020.<sup>1</sup>

## WHY THIS MATTERS

The continuous extension of travel restrictions<sup>2</sup> has impacted many business and personal plans for travel into and out of the Philippines.

The lifting of the ban for non-essential travel will allow Filipinos to plan leisure trips abroad. Employers may also continue resuming their international outbound travel plans for their Filipino employees.

## Outbound Travel from the Philippines

Effective 21 October 2020, the restriction on non-essential outbound travel for Filipinos shall be lifted. Travelers who are nationals of the Philippines may be allowed to leave the Philippines subject to compliance with the following requirements:

1. Submission of confirmed round-trip tickets and adequate travel and health insurance for those traveling using tourist visas.
2. Execution of an immigration declaration acknowledging the risks involved in traveling.
3. Negative Antigen test result taken within 24 hours before departure.
4. Upon return, they shall follow the Guidelines of the National Task Force (NTF) for returning overseas Filipinos.

## FOOTNOTES:

- 1 See Inter-Agency Task Force Resolution No. 79 at: <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2020/10/15/resolution-no-79-s-2020/> .
- 2 For prior coverage of the Travel Restrictions in the Philippines, read GMS *Flash Alert* [2020-361](#) (20 August 2020).

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