

PRESS RELEASE

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MOBILE EPASSPORT MISSIONS FOR 2016

The Philippine Embassy is pleased to announce the schedule for Mobile Consular Missions for 2016.

During the mobile missions, the Embassy will field personnel who will attend to the biometrics capture of Philippine ePassport applicants and administer the oath of allegiance to petitioners for dual citizenship.

To ensure the orderly conduct of the Missions, ePassport applicants should **pre-register and secure an appointment/slot with the Embassy within the dates indicated in the 4th column in the schedule below.**

Due to limited data capture equipment, **walk-in applicants cannot be accommodated.**

The 2016 schedule and details for the mobile missions to the various Australian state/territory capitals follow:

DATE AND TIME	CITY	VENUE	DATES EMBASSY WILL RECEIVE <u>MAILED</u> EPASSPORT APPLICATIONS
<u>Passport Service:</u> Tuesday to Friday, 19 – 22 January 2016 8 AM – 5PM <u>Oath taking for dual citizens:</u> Tuesday and Wednesday, 19 and 20 January 2016 at 3:00 PM on both days	Melbourne	MacKillop Room, St. Francis Church 326 Lonsdale Street Melbourne	26 Oct 2015 to 29 Dec 2015

<u>Passport Service:</u> Tuesday to Wednesday, 5 – 6 April 2016 8 AM - 5 PM <u>Oath taking for dual citizens:</u> Tuesday, 5 April 2016 at 3:00 PM	Darwin	To be confirmed	11 January 2016 to 14 March 2016
<u>Passport Service:</u> Friday to Saturday, 8 – 9 April 2016 8AM – 5PM <u>Oath taking for dual citizens:</u> Saturday, 9 April 2016 at 3:00 PM	Adelaide	Enfield Uniting Church Hall 2 Park Street, Sefton Park	11 January 2016 to 14 March 2016
<u>Passport Service:</u> Tuesday to Friday, 5- 8 July 2016, 8AM – 5 PM <u>Oath taking for dual citizens:</u> Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 and 6 July 2016 at 3:00 PM on both days	Perth	To be confirmed	11 April 2016 to 14 June 2016

<u>Passport Service:</u> Tuesday to Friday, 13- 16 September 2016, 8AM – 5 PM <u>Oath taking for dual citizens:</u> Tuesday and Wednesday, 13 and 14 Sept 2016 at 3:00 PM on both days	Brisbane	Chermside Kedron Uniting Church 590 Gympie Road, Chermside	
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HOW TO PRE-REGISTER/SECURE AN APPOINTMENT

To pre-register/secure an appointment, an applicant should mail the following to the Philippine Embassy, 1 Moonah Place, Yarralumla, ACT 2600:

1. A duly accomplished ePassport Application Form (downloadable from www.philembassy.org.au) with the following supporting documents:
 - a) Photocopy of data page of current passport.
 - b) Photocopy of Australian visa

Additional Requirements:

- ❖ For women changing status from single to married – the original and copy of Report of Marriage or NSO-authenticated Marriage Certificate.
- ❖ For those applying for a new passport – the original and a copy of Report of Birth or NSO-authenticated Birth Certificate.
- ❖ If a dual citizen - a photocopy of the Identification Certificate, Oath of Allegiance and Order.
- ❖ If old passport is lost - an Affidavit of Loss, Police Report, plus same requirements as for new passport.

It is important that applicants provide contact information (**e-mail address preferred**) in the Application Form so the Embassy can send an email confirming receipt and approval of the Application and informing the applicant of the date and time of his appointment.

Please note that information on the **appointment time/day** will be emailed to the applicant **within three (3) weeks after** receipt of their passport application.

Applicants are advised to check their **Spam folder** as the Embassy's confirmation email has sometimes ended up in the said folder.

If an email appointment has not been received, applicants are requested to call the Embassy to find out when their appointment is.

Applicants are requested to confirm with the Embassy whether or not they will be able to attend their appointment so the slot can be given to someone else if they are unable to apply during the mobile mission.

WHEN TO BE AT THE MOBILE SITE

ePassport Applicants are advised to be at the mobile site 30 minutes prior to their appointment.

WHAT TO BRING AT THE MOBILE SITE

Applicants are no longer required to bring photographs since they will have their pictures taken using ePassport data capture equipment at the mobile site.

When applicants show up for their appointment, they are to bring:

1. their original old/current passport, and
2. Postal Money Order for the ePassport service fee in the amount of AUD 118.00 payable to the "Philippine Embassy."

Families who may have several members applying for their passport may combine the **total fee in one money order**.

Further queries on the Embassy's Mobile Missions for 2015 may be addressed to the Passport Section at Tel. (02) 62732535 or 62732535 extension 231, Fax No. (02) 62733984 or Email addresses: **cbrpe@philembassy.org.au** or **canberra.pe@dfa.gov.ph**. END