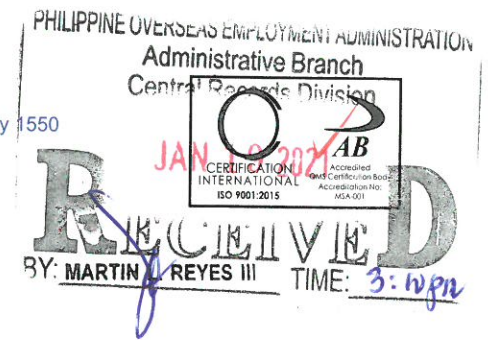




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**Cancelation of United States Visa Appointments at the US Embassy in Manila**

The public is hereby informed that the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines has canceled all visa appointments scheduled through **31 March 2021** for H-1B, H-2B, L-1, J applicants participating in the intern, trainee, teacher, camp counselor, au pair, or summer work travel program, any spouses or children of covered applicants applying for H-4, L-2, or J-2 visas.

On 31 December 2020, the President of the United States signed a Presidential Proclamation on Suspension of Entry of Immigrants and Nonimmigrants who continue to present a risk to the United States labor market.

The U.S. Embassies and Consulates are re-assuring the public that they are continuously providing emergency and mission-critical visa services since March and will continue to do so as they are able. Public assurance is also extended that once the global and Philippine conditions improve, the U.S. Embassy will begin providing additional services, culminating eventually in a complete resumption of routine visa operations.

Further, once the routine visa services resume, all affected applicants should reschedule their visa interviews through the Embassy call center by phone at (+632) 7792-8988 and (+632) 8548-8223, or through the online appointment system at [ustravelocs.com/ph](http://ustravelocs.com/ph). There is no fee to change an appointment, and the validity of the visa payment (known as the MRV fee) is extended until 30 September 2022, to allow all applicants who are unable to schedule an appointment as result of the suspension of routine consular operations an opportunity to schedule and/or attend a visa interview appointment with the already paid fee.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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Source : *Official Web Portal of the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines*  
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*Visa Update: Cancelation of H-1B, H-2B, H-4, L, and certain J Nonimmigrant Visa Appointments through March 31*

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