

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIAL VISA FOR EMPLOYMENT GENERATION (SVEG)

1. What is SVEG?

The SVEG is a special visa issued to a qualified non-immigrant foreigner who shall actually employ at least ten (10) Filipinos in a lawful and sustainable enterprise, trade or industry.

2. Who are qualified to avail of the SVEG?

A SVEG shall be issued to a foreigner or foreigners with interest in an entity, firm, partnership or corporation that establishes, expands or rehabilitates a business activity, investment, enterprise or industry for every 10 full-time/regular Filipino workers who are actually employed by such entity, firm, partnership or corporation on a long-term basis in the Philippines.

3. What is the nature of employment of the Filipino workers?

The Filipino workers must be full-time/regular and occupies managerial, executive, professional, technical, skilled or unskilled positions in a business activity, investment, enterprise or industry in the Philippines excluding housekeepers and household workers, domestics, nannies, cooks, guards, caretakers and the like.

4. What are the privileges of having an SVEG?

The SVEG holder shall have multiple entry privileges and is exempted from payment of exit clearance certificate and special return certificate. He shall be issued a one (1) year probationary SVEG which could be amended to indefinite stay. SVEG may be extended to spouse and dependent unmarried child/ children of the SVEG holder below eighteen (18) years of age whether legitimate, illegitimate or adopted. However, SVEG holders will be required to pay annual report fees every first sixty (60) days of every year under the Alien Registration Act of 1950, as amended.

5. How much would it cost to apply for SVEG?

Filing Fee	-	Php3,520.00
Implementation Fee	-	Php6,320.00
Express Lane Fee	-	Php500.00
ACR I-Card	-	USD50.00

6. Where do I process the SVEG?

SVEG is being processed at the SVEG One-Stop Shop Center (SVEG-OSSC) located at Room 412, Bureau of Immigration Bldg. in Intramuros, Manila. However, BI Satellite Offices may accept SVEG applications for transmittal to the SVEGOSSC.

7. When do I file an Indefinite SVEG?

Thirty (30) days before the expiration of the Probationary Visa of one (1) year, SVEG holders may file an SVEG Application to make their visa indefinite.

8. What will happen if I fail to maintain the employment of ten (10) Filipino workers?

The SVEG holder is mandated to maintain the employment of ten (10) long-term and full-time/regular Filipino workers. In case of failure or inability to comply, the SVEG holder shall immediately submit the reasons for non-compliance to the Bureau of Immigration. Otherwise, the BI shall terminate the privileges of the SVEG holder. The termination of the SVEG may be reviewed via petition for review to the Secretary of Justice within 15 days from notice.

9. What are the other obligations of the SVEG holder?

The SVEG holder shall at least once a month after the year ends, file a sworn annual report at the Office of the Commissioner on the status of the employment of Filipino workers supported by the following documents:

- (a) Latest General Information Sheet (GIS) duly stamped received by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC);
- (b) Certification under oath from the Corporate Secretary that the SVEG holder is a bona fide employee holding executive position and/ or a stockholder in good standing;
- (c) Mayor's Business Permit of the City/municipality where the principal place of business is located;
- (d) Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Inspection Report stating that the corporation/employer has no violation of existing labor laws and other applicable laws.