

Transit Passengers

The Philippine Bureau of Immigration's *Guidelines for the Issuance of Transit Visas* (Memo Circular No. RADJR-12-016 dated 12 October 2012) is only applicable to those individuals who are required to obtain a visa when traveling to the Philippines

Hence, nationals who are not visa-required in the Philippines may still transit through the PHL without the need of obtaining a transit visa under Sec. 9(b) of the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, without prejudice to existing immigration rules and regulations on the assessment and inspection of travelers. To specify, Turkish citizens are not required to get visas to enter the PHL. They can stay in the Philippines for 30 days visa free.

Memo Circular No. RADJR-12-016 (Guidelines on Transit Passengers) dated 12 Oct 2012 further states the following:

For **non-visa required nationals (such as Turkish nationals)**, the airline transporting these passengers through the Philippines shall submit an advanced copy of their transit passengers' manifest to PHL authorities detailing the following:

- Name,
- Date of Birth,
- Nationality,
- Passport number,
- Country of origin, and
- Itinerary/temporary address of each transit passenger.

Copies of the passport bio-page and confirmed onward tickets of each transit passenger shall also be submitted by the airline company to PHL authorities.

Airline companies who fail to satisfactorily account for such transit passengers after the lapse of their authorized stay shall be administratively fined, pursuant to Sec 44 of the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940.

Visa-required transit passengers with a 9(b) transit visa may be allowed a period of stay of not more than 72 hours or a maximum of three (3 days) in the Philippines, provided that they are in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months when transiting the country, a confirmed onward ticket and a valid visa for the original country of destination when required.