



## Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines Los Angeles



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### **GUIDANCE FROM THE NEW PASSPORT LAW ALLOWING REVERSION TO MAIDEN SURNAME FOR MARRIED WOMEN**

11 AUGUST 2025 – As part of its mandate to provide efficient and effective public services to Filipinos in its jurisdiction, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles wishes to provide the following information based on the new Passport Law, Republic Act No. 11983, allowing reversion to maiden surname for married women currently using their husband's surname.

Previously, a married woman who had previously adopted her husband's surname could only revert to her maiden name in her Philippine passport if the husband has passed away, if the marriage tie was dissolved by virtue of an annulment, declaration of nullity of marriage, judicially-recognized foreign divorce under Article 26 of the Family Code, judicially-recognized divorce under Presidential Decree No. 1083, or through a court-approved legal separation.

Under the new Passport Law, reversion from the use of the married surname to the maiden surname is allowed through the submission of a notarized affidavit of explanation that includes a request for the reversion of maiden name in the Philippine passport or travel document and stating that the applicant has not hitherto availed of the reversion. The decree of divorce dissolving the marriage is also required on top of the following documentary requirements:

1. Current Philippine passport;
2. Passport application form;
3. Original and copy of the PSA Certificate of Marriage or PSA Report of Marriage;
4. Original and copy of applicant's PSA Certificate of Live Birth or PSA Report of Birth;
5. Proof of Philippine citizenship, such as a permanent resident card or dual citizenship certificates; and
6. A valid, government issued ID reflecting her maiden name (if a valid U.S. permanent resident card under the applicant's maiden name is presented as proof of Philippine citizenship, no other valid ID is required).

To book a passport appointment, visit <https://www.passport.gov.ph>. If you have questions on this topic, please email us [losangeles.pcg@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:losangeles.pcg@dfa.gov.ph).

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