

Shipment of Human Remains

Overview

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles issues consular mortuary certificates to facilitate shipment of the remains of deceased persons, whether Filipino citizens or foreigners, to the Philippines. The documents required to apply for a consular mortuary certificate will depend on whether the shipment contains the deceased's full remains or cremated remains.

How to Apply

1. Applications for Consular Mortuary Certificates are primarily submitted by mail. Applications must be received at least ten (10) days before the scheduled shipment.

Mailing address:

Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles
Attn: Civil Registry Unit
3435 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 550, Los Angeles, CA 90005

2. The Consulate General may also accept applications filed in person. An expedite fee will be applied. Email lapcg.civreg@dfa.gov.ph to set an appointment. The application must be filed at the Consulate General no later than three (3) business days from the scheduled shipment.

If the deceased was a Filipino citizen at the time of his/her death, a Report of Death must also be registered with the Consulate. Visit the ROD page for details.

Requirements:

- **Shipment of full remains**

Provide the original document and one (1) photocopy of the following:

- **U.S. Death Certificate**
- **U.S. Health Certificate** issued by the Department of Health stating that death was not due to a contagious disease and/or that the human remains do not pose any danger to public health.
- **U.S. Burial Transit Permit**

- **Notarized certification from the mortuary** stating that the casket contains only the human remains of the deceased.
- Details of transportation arrangements
 - a. Flight details;
 - b. Address and phone number of the consignee in the Philippines;
 - c. Address and phone number of the next-of-kin in the United States and in the Philippines;
- Identification document of the deceased

For Filipino citizens, submit the deceased's Philippine passport

For U.S. citizens: copy of the U.S. passport, driver's license, state ID, etc.

- Self-addressed, prepaid **USPS Priority Mail or Priority Express Flat Rate Envelope** with a tracking number. Ensure the delivery address is clear and legible.
- Fee: US\$25.00 in cash, postal money order, or cashiers' check only. For applications submitted in person, an additional fee of \$10.00 applies.

- **Shipment of Cremated Remains**

- **U.S. Death Certificate**
- **Notarized certification from the mortuary** stating that the casket contains only the human remains of the deceased.
- Details of transportation arrangements
- Identification document of the deceased

For Filipino citizens, submit the deceased's Philippine passport

For U.S. citizens: copy of the U.S. passport, driver's license, state ID, etc.

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