

**[ BI MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. MCL-09-027,  
December 29, 2009 ]**

**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF  
MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. MCL-09-024 DATED 23 NOVEMBER  
2009, ENTITLED "ISSUANCE OF ALIEN CERTIFICATE OF  
REGISTRATION IDENTITY CARD (ACR I-CARD) TO [1] NON-  
RESTRICTED FOREIGN NATIONALS GRANTED A TOTAL  
AUTHORIZED STAY OF FIFTY-NINE DAYS (59) DAYS AS  
TEMPORARY VISITORS UNDER SECTION 9 (A) OF  
COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 613, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED, AND [2]  
TEMPORARY VISITORS WHO APPLY FOR AND ARE GRANTED  
SPECIAL STUDY PERMIT (SSP) AND SPECIAL WORK PERMIT  
(SWP)"**

As a necessity and consequence for the implementation and administration of Memorandum Order No. MCL-09-024, dated 23 November 2009, entitled "Issuance of Alien Certificate of Registration Identity Card (ACR I-CARD) to [1] Non-Restrict Foreign Nationals Granted a Total Authorized Stay of Fifty-Nine (59) Days as Temporary Visitors Under Section 9 (A) of Commonwealth Act No. 613, Otherwise Known as the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, as amended, and [2] Temporary Visitors who Apply for and are Granted Special Study Permit (SSP) and Special Work Permit (SWP), the following implementing rules and regulations are hereby issued:

1. STATEMENT OF POLICY. – There is an imperative need to modernize and improve efficiency and security of the alien registration, identification and monitoring system in light of increasing traffic in the country's numerous ports and escalating threats of terrorists, transnational criminals and foreigners with criminal records through the implementation of an automated, accurate, fraud-proof and tamper-proof registration, identification and monitoring of registered foreigners in the country, while attaining the objective of establishing a singular identity card and convenient transaction card for all resident foreigners and temporary foreign visitors.

2. COVERAGE – The following categories of foreigners are hereby included under the coverage of those to be issued an Alien Certificate of Registration Identity Card (ACR I-Card):

This does not apply to a foreign athletes and / or performing artists whose stay in the country pursuant to such permit does not exceed fifty-nine (59) days.

3. VALIDITY OF THE ACR I-CARD. – The ACR I-CARD issued to the Temporary Visitor's Visa (TVV) for a total authorized stay of more than fifty nine (59) days, Special Study Permit (SSP) or Special Work Permit (SWP) shall be dependent or co-terminus on the validity of the visa/permit granted but not to exceed one (1) year.

[a] Non-restricted foreign nationals previously granted a total authorized stay of fifty nine (59) days and who wish to further extend his authorized stay as temporary visitors under Section 9 (a) of Commonwealth Act. No. 613 otherwise known as the "Philippine Immigration Act of 1940", as amended;

[b] Temporary visitors who apply for and are granted Special Study Permit (SSP); and

[c] Temporary visitors who apply for and are granted Special Work Permit (SWP).

No application for extension for Temporary Visitor's Visa (TVV) beyond a total authorized stay of more than fifty nine (59) days, and application for Special Study Permit (SSP) or Special Work Permit (SWP) shall be granted without proof of payment of all immigration fees and related charges, including the ACR I-Card issuance fee.

[a] The date of approval of the extension of visa to non-restricted foreign national who are granted a total authorized stay of more than fifty-nine (59) days, as temporary visitors under Section 9(a) of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended, shall be reflected as the date of validity of the ACR I-CARD.

[b] The date of approval of the Special Study Permit (SSP) shall be reflected as the date of validity of the ACR I-CARD.

[c] The date of approval of the Special Work Permit (SWP) shall be reflected as the date of validity of the ACR I-CARD.

4. EXTENSION OF TVV, SSP OR SWP. Existing TVV, SSP and SWP holders with ACR I-CARD shall not be charged a new for the ACR I-CARD issuance fee, and shall not be issued another ACR I-CARD when an application for extension of visa as temporary visitor, or extension /renewal of SSP or SWP is filed and granted within the one-year validity period of the ACR I-CARD.

#### 5. APPLICATION PROCESS

[a] For an application for extension of Temporary Visitor's Visa (TVV) for a total authorized stay of more than fifty-nine (59) days, Special Study Permit (SSP) and Special Work Permit (SWP) that are processed and granted at the BI Main Office, the ACR I-CARD shall be processed, printed and released simultaneously with the approval of the visa extension or permit to the applicant.

[b] For an application for extension of Temporary Visitor's Visa (TVV) for a total authorized stay of more than fifty-nine (59) days, Special Study Permit (SSP) and Special Work Permit (SWP) that are processed, approved and granted at the district offices, sub-port offices, satellite offices, and extension offices, the corresponding ACR I-CARD shall be processed, printed and released within a forty eight (48) hour period from the time of approval.