

**Exchange Visitor Program Committee in the Philippines**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-2016**

**AMENDED GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES ON THE WAIVER OF THE  
TWO-YEAR HOME-COUNTRY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT  
FOR EXCHANGE VISITORS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) Committee in the Philippines is mandated to promulgate policies, rules and regulations to implement Philippine participation in the program;

**WHEREAS**, the EVP Committee issued Resolution No. 01-2008, “Amending the Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors ” in April 2008 which simplified the submission of the required documents for the application for No Objection Statement (NOS);

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution No. 01-2008, was again amended by Resolutions 01-2010, “Amended Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors” and 02-2010, “Guidelines for the Utilization of the Processing Fee Collected from the EVP Participants Applying for No Objection Statement, Second Amendment for the Purpose of Section 6, C of the Guidelines and Procedure on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors”;

**WHEREAS**, the EVP Committee recognizes the need to update the requirements and procedures and to make it applicable to the current situations of EVP participants applying for NOS and conditions of their programs;

**WHEREAS**, the EVP Committee agrees to amend the procedures in the application for NOS of EVP participants to ensure that the integrity of the application process is upheld and is not compromised;

**WHEREAS**, dialogue with appropriate United States government agencies in charge of the EVP yielded the need to revisit the guidelines in handling the application for NOS.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, that the EVP Committee hereby amends the attached guidelines and procedures on the waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors.

**REPEALING CLAUSE**

All orders, resolutions, guidelines and other actions which are inconsistent with this resolution are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

**ADOPTED** this 20th day of June 2016 during the 119<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the EVP Committee in Manila, Philippines.

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