

Why is the original marriage, birth and death certificates issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO) needed?

When the Embassy receives an application for Family Reunification, it immediately starts the verification process by writing to the respective Filipino authorities and requesting that they check the certificates against their registers.

It is therefore important that the marriage/birth/death is registered in the Philippine central registry (NSO), as the verification otherwise will yield a negative result. The latter prolongs the processing time and may affect the application.

The Embassy therefore strongly recommends that applicants only submit certificates that are issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO), and not the local authorities.