Apostille Online Appointment & Verification System

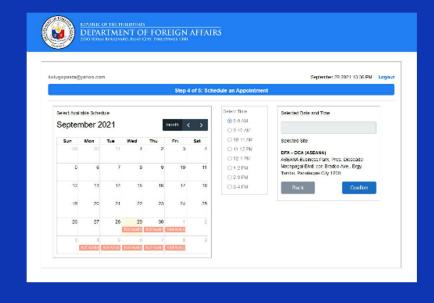


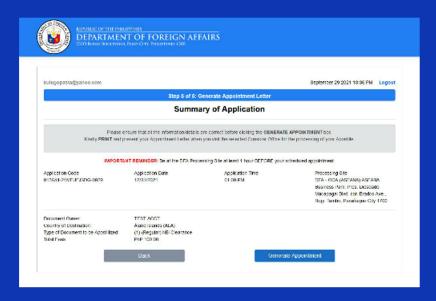
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IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO e-APP

The latest addition to our Apostille System is the Apostille Application and Appointment System (AAAS) which allows applicants to submit their application electronically and select their preferred day, time and location. Under AAAS, only applicants with CONFIRMED and VERIFIED appointments are allowed to enter the facilities.







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Number of Issued Philippine Apostille		
2019	401,421	
2020	236,787	
2021*	197,175	

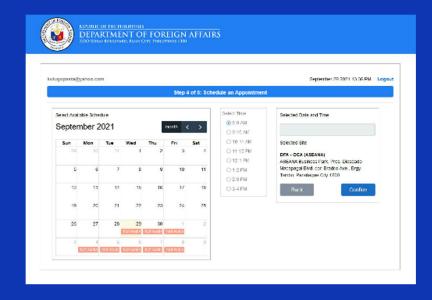
^{*}January to September

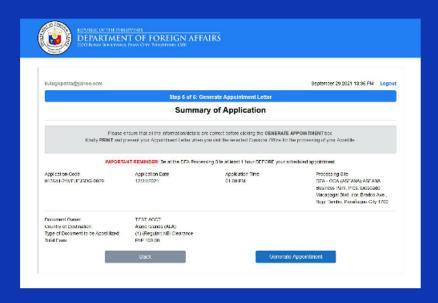
The number of Apostille issuances has been greatly impacted by the pandemic as shown in this table.



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While the Philippines is still fully developing the e-APP, the implementation of the AAAS and the Apostille Verification System (e-Register) and its integration into our processing and issuance system enabled us to cope with the challenges and difficulties posed by the global pandemic.





EXPERIENCE WITH e-GOVERNMENT



We have a long way to go in transitioning to an e-Government platform. A significant number of local government units (cities) and government agencies still do not have the capacity to transition to a digital platform.

But the challenges brought about by the pandemic have pushed many government agencies to adapt and innovate, bringing about a lot of impetus in the digitization of services.



It is a combination of both internal and external factors. Internally, we have experienced internet connection interruptions which disrupted our operations. To address this problem, we have installed a secondary internet connection to ensure that our operations remain unhampered.

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There are only limited slots available in compliance with the health protocols	The number of documents to be accommodated is gradually increasing as quarantine restrictions are lifted.
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Externally, clients experienced difficulty accessing our site due to their weak and unreliable internet connection. A stable and reliable internet infrastructure/connection is extremely vital.

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There are limited slots available for applicants in compliance with government mandated health protocols.

We are now looking into the integration of e-Payment and e-Courier to overcome the restrictions imposed by in-person appointments.



Additionally, not all users/applicants are tech savvy. To assist and guide our applicants, we developed instructional videos in both English and Filipino and integrated them in our appointment and verification website.



CITIZENS' RESPONSE TO ONLINE SERVICES

The response has been largely positive. With the integration of the AAAS, lines and waiting times have been greatly reduced.

*Total No. of Appointment System Users	108,702
*Total No. of Generated Appointments	152,972

^{*}February to September 2021



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Document verification has also become more convenient with our Apostille Verification System.





FUTURE PLANS OF PH IN IMPLEMENTING e-APP



Our aim is to implement the e-APP in the first quarter of 2022.

We plan to tighten the process by which data is transmitted from one government agency into our e-APP as well as provide flexibility and convenience to the growing number of clients in need of our services.





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