

## **Philippines BIR Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) card**

Having a Philippines BIR Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) card can be advantageous when dealing with Filipino government officials and most financial institutions. A TIN card is handy, even if you do not pay taxes in the Philippines.

You can apply for your TIN on line at the BIR web site, even if you are out of the country. You will need to enter an address in the Philippines. If overseas, use a friend's address in the Philippines. Be careful of the address you use as you will be required to attend a BIR office nearest that address to get your TIN card.

With the on line application, you will also be allocated your TIN. You can then later attend the local BIR office with your ID photos to get your card issued.