

Among above, Item 4. CAR takes time and there is money involved to satisfy the various requirement of BIR and it takes 3 to 6 month and total processing time will be 6 month to one year. Specially payment of Estate Tax has to be done before recovery of SRRVisa deposit and 10 to 30% of that deposit will be used in various expenses for other requirements of Bank and BIR.

C. New requirement of PRA

New requirement of PRA was made for withdrawal of deposit of deceased Retiree in PRA account in DBP sometime Jul. 2016 to heirs after almost 4 month from the application of cancellation of SRRVisa, that is submission of CAR from BIR.

Application for CAR to BIR means that all requirement of inheritance processing for other accredited bank (Item B. above) have to be done. It will involve big money, time and effort to heirs and heirs were so disappointed with the decision and instruction of PRA.

Question of heirs is why estate tax on the SRRVisa deposit has to be paid in the Philippines, because it was brought from abroad to meet the requirement for SRRVisa and repatriation of full amount of deposit should have been guaranteed by PRA.

D. Suggestion for Improvement of SRRVisa

If Retiree knew that withdrawal of SRRVisa deposit is subject to the estate tax upon death of Retiree and long processing is necessary for heirs to recover it, Retiree may lose interest to apply SRRVisa or cancel SRRVisa before his death and accordingly Philippines can't be the final destination of Retirees anymore.

I would like to advise PRA strongly to change the Rule and Regulation for SRRVisa deposit to be exempted from estate tax not only for DBP but also for other accredited banks. Likewise deposit in DBP should be released to heirs without CAR because deposit in PRA account in DBP is purely for SRRVisa deposit only and controlled by PRA.

Hoping for your kind consideration.



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