Annex B. Visa application guide

1. Applying for an entry visa to Thailand at the Consulate General or Thai Embassy

Please note that you must apply to the Thai visa well in advance, it is recommended to apply at least 8 weeks (about 2 months) before traveling.

Please see whether you require a visa to travel to Thailand. You can find this information here: Issuance of Visa - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (mfa.go.th)

Participants are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering Thailand, EXCEPT for those nationals listed at List of Countries entitled for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival.

Please note that participants holding UN Laissez-Passer (UNLP) travelling on official business to Thailand are also REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate visa before entering.

To apply for an appropriate entry visa to Thailand, participants are required to contact their nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General for the most updated information regarding visa application procedures and required documents. Information on location and contact number of Thai Embassies and Consulates-General is available at mfa.go.th/web/10.php and https://www.thaiembassy.org/

Participants who wish to apply for a visa outside their country of residence or reside in a country where there is no Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate, should check with the meeting organizer for the location where it is possible for them to apply for a Thai visa. Please note that certain nationalities, for security reasons, are not allowed to apply for a visa except at the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General which has jurisdiction over the concerned territory.

Participants who may need further assistance from ESCAP and the INC Secretariat on their visa application should contact the meeting organizer, well in advance, for necessary action.

Participants who wish to apply for a visa on arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Don Muang International Airport should follow the below requirements:

1. The applicant must possess a passport from the list of countries whose nationals are eligible to apply for visa on arrival (List of countries entitled for Visa on Arrival) with the validity of more than 30 days, at least one completely blank page, and be in possession of a valid return ticket with date of departure within 15 days of the date of entry.

2. The applicant must fill out an application form, which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at the airport, supply one recent passport-sized photograph and a fee of Thai Baht (THB) 2,000.

3. Advanced online application information is available at visa on arrival. Upon presentation of printed Transaction Reference Number (TRN), the applicant could obtain the visa at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at the airport before proceeding for immigration procedures.
4. The applicant must provide proof of means of living expenses of THB 10,000 per person or THB 20,000 per family.

What are the required supporting documents for requesting visa authorization for meeting participants?
1. Clear color scan copy of passport bio page (Must capture all details including 2 stripes at the bottom – If using camera, picture must be without fingers).
2. Invitation letter issued by host organization
3. Residence Permit of country where applicant will lodge visa application (if not citizen)

What are procedures to obtain authorization for Thai Entry Visa?

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<td>Service Request submitted by staff member/focal point with all supporting documents</td>
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<td>HCRU prepares official letter requesting for visa authorization (1 working day)</td>
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<td>HCRU submits the letter to Department of Consular Affairs (DCA) via scheduled delivery (1-2 working days)</td>
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<td>DCA processes the request for visa authorization (5-30 working days)</td>
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<td>HCRU receives notification of visa authorization from DCA and informs focal point and staff member (same day)</td>
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<td>Staff member and family member (if any) apply for visa at the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General (3-5 working days)</td>
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NOTE: This process takes approximately one month before travel

Who requires security background check:

It is important to note that there are citizens of certain nationalities who may need to undergo security background check by the National Intelligence Agency of Thailand before visa authorization can be granted. With this additional process, it may take up to 6 weeks to obtain visa authorization for Thai entry visa.

Staff member can check with HCRU team for more information on a case-by-case basis.

Once you receive notification of visa authorization, please take note of the following:

1. Please allow a few days after the date of authorization before contacting the Embassy/Consulate-General for visa application.
2. Authorization does NOT imply that the Embassy/Consulate-General will be issuing a visa within the same day. The visa processing time varies from one Embassy/Consulate-General to the other. Applicant is advised to contact the respective Embassy/Consulate-General on the visa application procedures, list of required documents and processing time to avoid delays or denial of visa application.
3. Authorization does NOT imply that the applicant is exempted from regular visa application procedures and visa fees. The applicant must comply with ALL rules, regulations and requirements of the Embassy/Consulate-General, otherwise application may be rejected, or visa may not be granted.

4. The issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of each Embassy/Consulate-General, ESCAP nor the INC Secretariat are able to influence or alter the decision of the respective Embassy/Consulate-General.

5. Authorization is issued in the name of ESCAP, so be cautious when contacting the Embassy/Consulate-General.

**Courtes o visa:** Upon official request, Thai Embassies and Consulates-General may grant courtesy visas to diplomatic/official/ordinary passport-holders who wish to enter the Kingdom on official duty and/or other purposes. Supporting documents are documents issued by the governmental agency, foreign government or international organization, certifying the identity of the person concerned and his/her purposes while visiting the Kingdom.

**What to do when you submit visa application at the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General?**

Each RTE/RTCG may have different visa submission procedures, either on-line or in person, you are therefore kindly requested to explore their websites at Thai Embassy and Consulates for more information.

**What to do when arriving in Thailand?**
Once arriving in Bangkok, the Immigration Officer will put an arrival stamp on your passport. The arrival stamp will indicate date of arrival in Thailand and the last day you are initially allowed to stay in Thailand. Following observations should be made when you receive arrival stamp on your passport:

1. Please ensure you are granted the correct type of visa. Please refer to the above section on the type of visa you should obtain.
2. Upon arrival in Thailand, please ensure that immigration arrival stamp correlates with the type of visa granted for you (Non ‘ED’, Non ‘F’).

3. If you are eligible to enter under visa exemption scheme, you will receive the arrival stamp indicating ‘\( n \) 30’:

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2. **Guide to the Thailand e-Visa Application for Meeting Participants**
Guide to the Thailand e-Visa Application for Meeting Participants
https://www.thaievisa.go.th/

This document will show information of how to apply for visa online step by step.

1. Create account
2. Fill in Application Form
3. Upload supporting documents
4. Pay Visa Fee
5. Wait for Approval
6. Stickerless visa sent by email

Step 1: Visit website homepage and create account

(1) Select 'Individual' and fill in all required information
(2) Fill in your email and password.
   Password requirement:
   • Use a minimum length of 8 characters.
   • Include at least one lowercase letters (a-z)
   • Include at least one uppercase letters (A-Z)
   • Include at least one number (0-9)
(1)  

(2)  

(3) Read the terms and policy carefully and click the checkbox.  
(4) Enter the code.  
(5) Click ‘Create Account’.  

(6) The verification link will be sent to your email. Please check your inbox to verify your account.  
(7) Once you sign in, you will be directed to e-Visa Dashboard  
(8) Select ‘Apply for new visa’  

Recent Incomplete Visa Application  
Number of application created: 1/18 Applications  
Ready to: Submit  
View all applications  

Reference No:  
Visa Type:  
Full name:  
Date of Birth:  
Nationality:  
Travel Doc No:  
Submit to:  
Read the Complete Form, New York
STEP 2: Fill in Application Form

1. Please input your nationality
2. Please input location where you will apply for visa
3. Select Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General in your location

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| Permanent residency / Current Location * |
| United States |

Submit to *
Royal Thai Consulate-General, New York

4. Select passport type that you will apply for visa with
5. Select purpose of visit: Depending on your answer to the previous section (4), different drop-down menus will appear. Below is the recommended purpose of visit for meeting participants and the type of the visa that is granted accordingly:

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6. Select ‘Single’ or ‘Multiple’ under Number of Entries

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If you are applying for multiple entries, you need to provide a statement as to why you wish to visit Thailand on a regular basis. The validity of your visa will be extended accordingly. The officer may grant a Single Entry Visa upon submission of the supporting documentation.
STEP 3: Upload supporting documents

(1) Upload copy of passport and photo

(2) Fill in personal information
(3) Fill in travel document information (system can automatically generate this information after you upload copy of your passport)

(4) Fill in address information

(5) Fill in employment details

(6) Please indicate the planned dates of arrival and departure (* tentative dates are acceptable) and provide information on the previous visit to Thailand and the visa.
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(7) Please indicate the hotel in which you will be staying after your first arrival.

Accommodation Type: *
Hotel
Guesthouse
Private Property
 Dormitory

Accommodation Name: *

City:*
Postal Code: *

Bangkok: 10130

Additional Place of Stay in Thailand: Yes No

(8) Item 1 and 2 is automatically generated.

(9) Please upload proof indicating your current location
(9.1) For Non-Chinese staff and household members, please upload photo of immigration arrival stamp that proves your current location under item 3.
(9.2) For Chinese nationals, please follow the instructions under item 3.

(10) Upload note verbale or invitation letter received from event organizer in Bangkok under item 4.

(11) Click ‘Save’ and ‘Done’

Support Document

1. Biometric page of Passport or Travel Document *
   Document: 1.jpg

2. Photograph taken within the last six months *
   Document: 1.jpg

3. Document indicating current location *
   Drag and drop file or browse from computer

3. Document indicating current location. Chinese applicant residing in Mainland China is required to submit an Entry Exit record, issued by the National Immigration Administration of the People's Republic of China, indicating the applicant's travel record in the past 1 year. The record can be downloaded at https://knia.gov.cn/mps/login.html *
   Drag and drop file or browse from computer
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(12) After clicking ‘Done’, system will prompt a new window displaying details of your application and declaration statement for your acceptance and confirmation.

(13) Click ‘Accept & Confirm’

(14) After clicking ‘Accept & Confirm’, system will prompt a new window offering options for you to submit the application or to add more applicant(s) to your submission.
STEP 4: Pay Visa Fee

1. Once application form is completed, you will be directed back to dashboard
2. Click ‘Ready to Submit’ tab, you will find your application
3. Select your application by clicking the box
4. Click proceed to payment.

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STEP 5: Wait for approval

1. Status of application can be found under tab ‘Check Status’

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