

RETIREMENT VISAS

Non – Immigrant Visa (O – A) Long Stay retirement (up to 1 year)

The O-A retirement visa is obtained outside of Thailand.

This type of visa may be issued to applicants aged 50 years or over who wish to stay in Thailand for a period NOT exceeding 1 year without the intention of working. The holder of this type of visa is allowed to stay in Thailand for 1 year. Employment of any kind is prohibited.

Eligibility

1. Must be at least 50 years of age (on the day of submitting the application).
2. Not prohibited from entering the Kingdom as provided by the Immigration Act B.E. 2522 (1979).
3. Must have no criminal record in Thailand and the country of the applicant's nationality or residence.
4. Must have the nationality of or permanent residence in the country where application is submitted.
5. Must NOT have prohibitive diseases (Leprosy, Tuberculosis, drug addiction, Elephantiasis, third phase of Syphilis) as indicated in the Ministerial Regulation No. 14 B.E. 2535.
6. Must have health insurance from an approved provider for the duration of stay, with coverage for Covid-19 disease with the total sum insured of 3,000,000 Baht (\$100,000 USD) per policy year.
 - Applicant may consider buying Thai health insurance online at www.longstay.tgia.org

Required Documentation

1. Actual Passport and Travel Document. (Must not expire within 6 months and contain at least ONE completely empty visa page).
2. 2 Passport-size photographs (2"x2").
 - Photographs must have a light color background.
 - Full-face view of the person without wearing a hat or dark glasses and covering up shoulders.
 - Photos must be taken within 6 months.
3. Flight confirmation / reservation, showing going from US to Thailand. (The name of the applicant must be clearly indicated.)
4. Bank statement or evidence of adequate finance showing.
 - a deposit of the amount equal to and not less than 800,000 Baht; or
 - an income certificate (an original copy) with a monthly income of not less than 65,000 Baht.
 - In the case of submitting a bank statement, a letter of guarantee from the bank (an original copy) is required. (Financial requirements for extension of stay are the same).
5. Additional application form.

6. Medical certificate (must be notarized) showing no prohibitive diseases as indicated in the Ministerial Regulation No.14 (B.E. 2535) certificate shall be valid for not more than three months.

— Medical form.

7. Criminal record.

– letter of verification stating that the applicant has no criminal record.

– verification must be valid for not more than three months.

– must be issued from a state or Federal Bureau of Investigation only.

8. Insurance – Applicant must have health insurance for the duration of stay, with coverage for covid-19 disease with the total sum insured of 3,000,000 Baht (100,000 USD) per policy year.

9. Health insurance policy document issued by a Thai or foreign insurance company, stating that the applicant is medically insured for the period and with coverage as mentioned above:

(a) For Foreign insurance companies, the applicant must submit the original insurance policy document with 2 copies.

(b) Thai insurance company, the applicant must submit 2 copies of the insurance policy document or, if available, the original insurance policy document with 2 copies.

A list of Thai insurance companies participating in the scheme can be found at: <http://longstay.tgia.org>

Foreign Insurance Certificate as stipulated by the Office of Insurance Commission and Health Insurance of Thailand, which must be completed, signed, and stamped by the insurance company.

10. Non-US citizen.

– a copy of a permanent resident card (green card).

11. For Nigerian nationalities and passport holders:

– Certificate of Clearance from NDLEA.

– authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria.

– authenticated by the Royal Thai Consulate in Abuja, Nigeria.

12. Application using passports from Afghanistan and Iraq:

– Visa application and supporting documentation must be forwarded to Thailand for visa approval.

– Processing time is a minimum of three weeks.

13. All supporting materials that are not in English must be accompanied by certified English translations and certified by an embassy only.

Step 1 – Apply e-Visa application online at <https://thaievisa.go.th>

Upon completion of an online visa application from the applicant, the Thai Consulate or Embassy will review the application.

Step 2 – Submit documents

The applicant must submit:

1. e-appointment slip with barcode reference no.

2. Passport.

3. Self-addressed return envelope.

- by the following mail service USPS (US Postal Service) or Express Mail Service.
- use only flat rate mailing envelopes with postage stamp. (Metered stamps is not accepted).
- print name clearly and record tracking number of return mail for future reference.

All forms for this visa are available online at your respective Consulate or Embassy website if they are included in the process.

Fee – \$200 for multiple entries; the fee is not refundable in any case.

Validity of a visa: Multiple entry – 1 year (A visa becomes effective from the date of issuance)