FACTSHEET

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Visa and Entry Requirements for Thailand

Information on short-term, long-term and care-related stays for seniors, family members and accompanying persons.



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1 IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Decisions of the Authorities

The issuance, extension, conversion or amendment of a visa, as well as the final decision regarding entry into Thailand, is always at the discretion of the competent Thai authorities and immigration officers. Even where the applicable requirements are generally fulfilled, there is no automatic entitlement to entry, residence, visa extension or visa conversion.

Changes to Regulations

Thailand's visa, entry and residence regulations may be amended or revised at any time and at short notice. For this reason, the current regulations should always be verified with the competent Thai authorities, embassies, consulates or immigration offices prior to travelling.

Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)

Since 1 May 2025, the Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) has been mandatory for all foreign travellers entering Thailand. Registration is free of charge, must be completed online within 72 hours prior to arrival, and replaces the former TM6 arrival card. The TDAC does not replace a visa and does not constitute automatic permission to enter Thailand.

Important Notice Regarding Long-Term Stays

Entering Thailand under a tourist status or visa exemption with the intention of subsequently converting to a long-term, care-related or retirement visa is undertaken entirely at the traveller's own risk. Applications for amendments or conversions of residence status may be refused by the Thai authorities at any time.

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▸ Chapter 2: Nationalities and Entry Requirements

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2 NATIONALITIES AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Nationality-Specific Requirements

Visa, entry and residence regulations may vary depending on nationality. The information contained in this document primarily relates to nationals of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and other European countries with comparable entry requirements.

Other Nationalities

Nationals of other countries – for example Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada or non-European countries – may be subject to different regulations regarding entry, permitted duration of stay, documentary requirements or visa eligibility.

Checking Current Requirements

Particularly for nationals of other countries, as well as for applicants seeking long-term visas (e.g., Non-Immigrant O, O-A, O-X, LTR or other specialised visa categories), additional or different requirements, documentary obligations and procedures may apply.

Notice
It is recommended to confirm the currently applicable requirements well in advance with the competent Royal Thai Embassy, or Thai Consulate in the country of residence and, where appropriate, with the competent immigration authorities in Thailand.

3 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Depending on nationality, intended duration of stay and visa category, different requirements apply for entry into Thailand.

Common Requirements and Documents

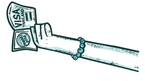
- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry and with sufficient blank passport pages
- Return or onward travel tickets (depending on the type of stay or visa category)
- Proof of accommodation or address of residence during the stay
- Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)
- Valid visa or corresponding residence status
- Compliance with the current entry, health and immigration regulations

▸ *Further Information and Official Links in Chapter 11*

Depending on the visa category and type of stay, the following supporting evidence may also be required:

- Proof of financial means (e.g., income, pension payments, bank deposits or bank statements)
- Health Insurance
- Medical documentation and, where applicable, supporting evidence relating to medication
- English translations of important documents

Notice
The final decision regarding entry, duration of stay and residence status remains at all times at the discretion of the competent Thai authorities and their immigration officers.



▸ Chapter 4: Holiday or Short-Term Stays

4 HOLIDAY OR SHORT-TERM STAYS

Various entry options are available for holidays, visits and short-term stays in Thailand. The most suitable option depends primarily on the intended duration of stay and the applicable entry regulations in force at the time of travel.

The overview below outlines possible entry options for holiday or short-term stays:

Notice
Permitted durations of stay and entry requirements for tourist stays are regularly amended. Changing from a tourist entry status to a long-term visa may be more difficult or may not be possible.



Holiday and Short-Term Stay Options

Visa Exemption ▸ Visa-Exempt Entry	Entry for holidays, visits and short-term stays without prior visa application; 30 days
Tourist Visa (TR) ▸ Tourist Visa	Tourist visa for holidays, visits and short-term stays; 60 days

Common Requirements and Documents

	Visa Exemption	Tourist Visa (TR)
Primary Purpose	Holidays, visits and short-term stays	
Nationality	Nationals of visa-exempt countries	Also available to nationals who are not eligible for visa exemption
Duration of Stay	30 days	60 days
Extension	Extension of up to 30 days may be possible in Thailand (subject to approval)	
Passport	Required; sufficient validity and available passport pages	
Thailand Digital Arrival Card	TDAC Required	
Proof of Address	Address of residence during the stay generally required	
Financial Requirements (Indicative Values)	May be requested - THB 20,000 per person - or THB 40,000 per family	Generally required - THB 20,000 per person - or THB 40,000 per family
Health/Travel Insurance	Recommended; adequate insurance coverage for Thailand	
Additional Documents	May be required depending on the application process	
Return or Onward Ticket	May be requested	
Visa Application	–	Generally required prior to entry

▸ *Further Information and Official Links in Chapter 11*

▸ Chapter 5: Long-Term Stays and Visa Options

5 LONG-TERM STAYS AND VISA OPTIONS

Various visa options are available for long-term stays in Thailand. The most suitable option depends on factors such as age, intended duration of stay, financial circumstances and individual personal requirements.

The overview below presents the principal visa options for retirement, care-related and long-term stays. It does not claim to be exhaustive and does not replace an individual assessment of personal eligibility.

Notice
Based on many years of experience, CAREWELL frequently recommends the Non-Immigrant O (Retirement) Visa for care-related, retirement and long-term stays in Thailand. Visa applications should be submitted as early as possible and preferably while still residing in the applicant's home country.

Selected Long-Term Stay Options

Non-Immigrant O ▸ Retirement Visa	**Standard visa for most retirement, care-related and long-term stays, with comparatively moderate requirements** Recommended by CAREWELL
Non-Immigrant O-A ▸ Long Stay Visa	Long-term retirement visa requiring additional documentation (e.g., health insurance, medical certificate and police clearance certificate)
Non-Immigrant O-X ▸ Long Stay Visa	Long-term visa with an extended permitted duration of stay and higher financial requirements
LTR ▸ Long-Term Resident Visa	Special visa for affluent retirees and other qualified categories of applicants with substantial financial requirements
Thailand Privilege ▸ Thailand Privilege Visa	Membership programme offering flexible long-term stay options together with additional services

Additional Notes

The LTR Visa (Long-Term Resident Visa) and Thailand Privilege Visa (formerly Thailand Elite Visa) are not included in the detailed comparison table on the following page, as they involve specific financial requirements and are intended for particular target groups. In practice, they are generally less relevant for most retirement, care-related and long-term stays.

Eligibility requirements, approval criteria and residence conditions vary according to visa category and may change at any time. Only the competent Thai authorities and diplomatic missions can provide binding information.



▸ *Detailed Comparison of Selected Visa Options on the Next Page*

5 LONG-TERM STAYS AND VISA OPTIONS

Common Requirements and Supporting Documents

	Non-Immigrant O	Non-Immigrant O-A	Non-Immigrant O-X
Target Group	Persons aged 50 years and above		Persons aged 50 years and above from selected countries
Primary Purpose	Retirement and long-term stay		Long-term retirement stay
Nationality	No restrictions		Depends on nationality
Duration of Stay	90 days	Up to 1 year	Up to 5 years
Extension	Extension possible subject to meeting the applicable requirements		
Passport	Required; sufficient validity and available passport pages		
Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)	TDAC required; Irrespective of visa or stay category		
Proof of Address	Proof of address or residence generally required		
Financial Requirements	- THB 800,000 deposited in a Thai bank account, - or THB 65,000 monthly pension/income, - or a combination of both		- THB 3 million deposited - or another approved O-X alternative
Health Insurance/ Minimum Coverage	Recommended; no minimum coverage requirement	Minimum coverage of THB 3 million required	
Police Clearance	–	May be required depending on the procedure	
Medical Certificate	–	May be required depending on the procedure	
Additional Documents	May be required depending on the procedure		
Thai Bank Account	Frequently required	May be required	Required
Employment	Not permitted		
Visa Application	Visa application prior to entry recommended	Generally required prior to entry	
Advance Planning	Recommended		
Application Complexity	Low	Medium	High
90-Day Reporting	Generally required		
Re-Entry Permit upon Departure	A Re-Entry Permit may be required when leaving Thailand to maintain an existing permission to stay		

▸ *Further Information and Official Links in Chapter 11*

▸ Chapter 6: Recommended Process

6 RECOMMENDED PROCESS

Before a long-term or care-related stay in Thailand, the following points should be considered:

1 Plan a short or trial stay
2 Explore care facilities, assisted living options ⁄and the local living environment
3 Review personal, health and financial requirements
4 Select the most suitable visa and stay arrangement
5 Choose accommodation and care arrangements
6 Arrange health insurance and health-care planning
7 Prepare documents and financial evidence
8 Review financial requirements and, if necessary, open a Thai bank account
9 Apply for a long-term visa early, preferably in the home country
10 Organise the long-term stay or relocation to Thailand

7 DOCUMENTS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

The following documents and supporting evidence are commonly required depending on the type of stay, visa category and personal circumstances:

Personal Documents

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry and with sufficient blank passport pages
- Proof of accommodation or full address of the place of stay
- Emergency contact details
- English translations of important documents (where required)

- Financial Documents
- Pension or proof of income
- Bank statements or proof of funds

Health and Insurance

- Health insurance (international health insurance or adequate health insurance coverage for Thailand)
- Medical records, medical reports and a list of medications (for certain medications, additional supporting documentation or import permits may be required)

8 CARE SERVICES AND ASSISTED LIVING

During long-term or care-related stays, Carewell guests benefit from comprehensive multilingual support covering accommodation, care, healthcare and administrative matters.

The following sections provide an overview of Carewell's services and support offerings:

Organisation and Accommodation

- Assistance with visa, residence and immigration matters, including extensions and administrative procedures
- German- and English-speaking staff

Medical Care

- Coordination with hospitals and health-care providers
- Organisation and accompaniment of medical appointments and hospital stays
- Medication management
- Individual care tailored to personal needs (e.g., dementia or Alzheimer's care)

Costs and Services

- Transparent information regarding long-term stay costs
- Individual care and support packages

▸ Chapter 9: Extensions, Reporting Obligations and Immigration

9 EXTENSIONS, REPORTING OBLIGATIONS AND IMMIGRATION

Requirements relating to visa extensions and residence rights may change at any time. Decisions regarding visa extensions and residence status remain at the discretion of the competent immigration authorities.

Reporting and Residence Requirements

- Depending on the type of stay, 90-day reporting to the Thai immigration authorities may be required
- Depending on the type of stay, TM30 residence reporting may be required (notification of the place of residence to the Thai immigration authorities)

Departure and Re-Entry

- When leaving Thailand, a Re-Entry Permit may be required to maintain an existing right of stay

Notice
For all matters relating to visas, extensions, reporting obligations, re-entry permits and administrative procedures, the Carewell team provides support and guidance throughout the relevant procedures.

Financial and Administrative Considerations

- Requirements for opening a Thai bank account may vary depending on visa category, residence status, bank and applicable regulations
- Adequate financial reserves and supporting documentation should be prepared well in advance

10 LEGAL NOTICES

Disclaimer

This document is provided solely for general information purposes and does not constitute legal advice or binding information regarding visa, residence or entry requirements.

Accuracy and Currency

The information contained herein has been prepared with the greatest possible care. Nevertheless, no guarantee can be given regarding its completeness, accuracy or currency. The applicable regulations issued by the competent Thai authorities at the relevant time shall prevail.

Decisions of the Authorities

Decisions regarding entry into Thailand, visa issuance, visa extensions, visa conversions and changes to residence status remain at the discretion of Thai authorities. There is no automatic entitlement.

Changes to Regulations

Visa, entry and residence regulations may be amended at any time. The regulations in force at the time of travel or application shall prevail.
- **Information Current as of: July 2026**

▸ *Further Information and Official Links in Chapter 11*



▸ Chapter 11: Further Information and Links

11 FURTHER INFORMATION AND LINKS

The websites listed below are provided for further information and may include both official and unofficial sources.
For legal notices, disclaimers and information on the document status, please refer to Chapter 10

Notice
The websites listed in the digital PDF version are directly clickable and provide further information.

Thailand – Unofficial Information Source
- Information on Retirement Visa and Long-Term Stays
  - thaiembassy.com

Thailand – Official Authorities
- Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)
  - tdac.immigration.go.th
- Thailand Immigration Bureau
  - immigration.go.th
- Thai E-Visa (Official Visa Portal)
  - thaievisa.go.th
- Long-Term Resident Visa (LTR)
  - ltr.boi.go.th

Switzerland
- Royal Thai Embassy, Bern
  - thaiembassy.ch
- Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
  - eda.admin.ch

Germany
- Royal Thai Embassy, Berlin
  - berlin.thaiembassy.org
- Federal Foreign Office of Germany
  - auswaertiges-amt.de

Austria
- Royal Thai Embassy, Vienna
  - thaiembassy.at
- Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs
  - bmeia.gv.at

Australia
- Royal Thai Embassy, Canberra
  - canberra.thaiembassy.org
- Smartraveller Australia
  - smartraveller.gov.au

United States of America
- Royal Thai Embassy, Washington D.C.
  - washingtondc.thaiembassy.org
- U.S. Department of State
  - travel.state.gov

United Kingdom
- Royal Thai Embassy, London
  - london.thaiembassy.org
- UK Foreign Travel Advice – Thailand
  - gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/thailand

12 CONTACT