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### GENERAL VISA RULES & REGULATIONS

#### **WHO NEEDS A VISA?**

As a general rule, foreigners wishing to travel to Thailand need to obtain a visa. The visa is a document which gives the traveller permission to formally request entry into Thailand within a given period of time and for certain purposes. There are different types of visa available according to purpose of visit and length of stay required. In the case of tourism there are certain circumstances where the traveller is either exempt from the need to apply for a visa or they can apply for a visa on arrival in Thailand. For more information read below under **Tourist Visa Exemption** and **Tourist Visa on Arrival**. Also refer to Download "**V2 Visa Requirements by Nationality**".

All foreigners travelling to Thailand must, if asked at their point of entry, be able to provide proof of adequate finances for their duration of stay, for example traveller's cheques or cash equivalent to 10,000 Baht per person and 20,000 Baht per family.

**All foreigners travelling to Thailand must possess a passport with at least 6 months validity on date of entry.**

All foreigners travelling to Thailand under the Tourist Visa Exemption or the Tourist Visa on Arrival must have **acceptable evidence** of onward travel showing that they will be exiting Thailand to another country within the period of stay granted.

#### **Tourist Visa Exemption**

UK Passport holders and nationals of certain other countries as listed on Download "**V2 Visa Requirements by Nationality**" who are:-

- a) entering Thailand on an international flight for tourism purposes and will be exiting Thailand by air to another country within 30 days of entry will be granted a stay of 30 days. It will be necessary to provide evidence of a confirmed international flight ticket showing that they will be exiting Thailand within the 30 days.
- or**
- b) entering Thailand on an international flight for tourism purposes but will be exiting Thailand by train, bus or boat are advised to obtain a visa prior to entry because some flight operators may not allow a passenger to board their flight to Thailand if they do not possess a valid international air ticket showing that they will be exiting Thailand within 15 or 30 days of entry as applicable. Such travellers need to check with their flight operator (not travel agent).
- or**
- c) entering Thailand by means other than an international flight will probably be granted a stay of only 15 days.

Be aware that some flight companies may not allow passengers who are travelling to Thailand without a valid visa to board their flight from the UK to Thailand unless they possess a valid international air ticket showing that they will be exiting Thailand within 30 or 15 days of entry as applicable. If in doubt travellers should check with their flight operator (not travel agent).

**Please note that the Tourist Visa Exemption does NOT apply to persons travelling on a UK Travel Document.**

### **Tourist Visa on Arrival**

Passport holders of certain countries as listed on Download “**V2 Visa Requirements by Nationality**” may apply for a **Tourist Visa on Arrival** at the Immigration Checkpoints for the purpose of tourism and will be granted a stay in Thailand for a period **not exceeding 15 days**. The **Tourist Visa on Arrival** can be applied for at designated International checkpoints only and applicants will need to submit a completed application form with two recent visa size photographs. The application fee is 1,000 Baht (subject to change without notice).

**Nationals of ALL countries which are not listed under the ‘Tourist Visa Exemption’ rule or the ‘Tourist Visa on Arrival’ rule need to obtain a visa for all visits to Thailand and the visa must be obtained prior to entering Thailand.**

**Nationals of certain countries as listed on Download “V2 Visa Requirements by Nationality” must apply for all visas at the Royal Thai Embassy in London IN PERSON only.**

**Passports holders of all nationalities who will be staying in Thailand as tourist for longer than the limited periods as applicable to their nationality must obtain a Tourist Visa before entering Thailand.**

**All travellers entering Thailand for purposes other than tourism need to apply for a visa of specific type such as Non-Immigrant Visa, before entering Thailand.**

### **Entry with Visa**

Persons of all ages not eligible to enter Thailand under the “**Visa Exemption Rule**” or the “**Visa-On-Arrival Rule**” must be in possession of a valid visa. Applicants must obtain their visa before arriving in Thailand otherwise they may be refused entry. Nationals of the countries listed in **Download “V2 – Visa Requirements by Nationality”** are entitled to a stay of **60 days** with a valid **Tourist Visa** or **90 days** with a valid **Non-Immigrant Visa**.

It may be possible to extend a 60-day visa stay in Thailand by up to a further 30 days by visiting a Thai Immigration Office near to where they will be staying in Thailand, however this is entirely at the discretion of the Thai Immigration Officer. The fee for a 30-day extension of stay is 1,900 Baht (subject to change without notice).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT, HAVING BEEN GRANTED ENTRY FOR 15, 30, 60 OR 90 DAYS,  
IF THE PASSPORT HOLDER EXITS THAILAND BEFORE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS HAVE  
BEEN TAKEN THEY AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT ALL REMAINING DAYS OF THAT ENTRY.**

**ALL PERSONS ENTERING THAILAND WILL RECEIVE A RUBBER STAMP IMPRESSION IN THEIR PASSPORT,  
SIZE APPROXIMATELY 55mm x 35mm STATING ‘DATE OF ENTRY’ AND ‘ADMITTED UNTIL DATE’.  
DO NOT REMAIN IN THAILAND BEYOND THE LENGTH OF STAY GRANTED (‘ADMITTED UNTIL DATE’),  
THE CONSEQUENCES OF DOING SO CAN BE SEVERE.**