



Announcement

Subject : The New Measures of the Immigration Bureau on Tourist and Business Engagements/ Urgent Work/ Ad-Hoc Work Visa Exemption Scheme

The Royal Thai Embassy, The Hague wishes to convey a message from the Immigration Bureau, Royal Thai Police, regarding the measures on Tourist and Business Engagements/ Urgent Work/ Ad-Hoc Work Visa Exemption Scheme (visit Thailand for up to 60 days without a visa) as follow;

“In accordance with the policy of Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul and Commissioner General of the Royal Thai Police, Pol.Gen. Kittharath Punpetch, to declare war on cybercrime, today (November 12, 2025), Commissioner of Immigration Bureau, Pol.Lt.Gen. Panumas Boonyalug, convened a meeting with the Deputy Commissioners and Commanders under his jurisdiction to discuss and establish relevant measures, which are divided into 4 key actions:

1. Elevate and intensify the screening of individuals frequently using the visa-exempt scheme (free visa) for entry and exit (in-out) in the manner of a visa run without returning to their country of domicile. If any individual uses the visa run privilege more than 2 times without a justifiable reason, Immigration Bureau will consider denying entry to prevent the use of this opportunity to pose as a tourist to conduct various transactions, instead of applying for the correct visa category as intended.

2. Emphasize the interception of foreign nationals who have a history recorded in the watch-list system in border areas of neighboring countries that are sources of scammers, such as Mae Sot, Tak Province, as they are a high-risk group for participating in illegal activities or becoming victims. This also applies to the group of foreign nationals who have been pushed back/deported from Thailand in the Mae Sot-Myawaddy border area and whose data has been logged in the system; they will also be denied entry without exception.

3. Instruct all Provincial Immigration Offices responsible for inner areas to increase the strictness in granting temporary stay extensions for foreigners who have a history of in-out Visa Run behavior and subsequently apply for an extension. If any foreigner is found with such data or behavior, the visa will not be extended, or the visa will be revoked after authorization and the individual will be deported outside the Kingdom.

4. Instruct all Immigration Bureau Divisions to launch a mass sweep to crack down on foreigners who have overstayed their visas, aiming for tangible operational results.

These measures may affect the speed of passport checks for foreign nationals, Immigration Bureau asserts that they will not affect the tourism sector in any way. On the contrary, they serve to select quality international tourists that will generate revenue for the country with greater confidence.”

The Royal Thai Embassy, The Hague wishes to inform those who have concerns and wish to avoid the difficulties or possibilities of being denied from the Immigration Bureau when entering Thailand, that the travelers can consider applying visa via <https://www.thaievisa.go.th/> to reduce the risks.

