

# Announcement No.12 on the Entry Procedures for Non-Thai Nationals who are Eligible to Enter the Kingdom of Thailand

With reference to the Royal Thai Embassy's Announcement No. 11 on the Entry Procedures for Non-Thai Nationals who are Eligible to Enter the Kingdom of Thailand dated 10 November 2021, providing additional information on Thailand Pass QR Code registration, the Royal Thai Embassy wishes to further provide the information on the updated procedures for non-Thai nationals who are eligible to enter into Thailand from the Republic of Korea from 16 December 2021 onwards as follows:

# Step 1: Please check whether the applicant has already acquired a valid visa.

1.1 If the eligible applicant <u>does not have a valid visa</u>, please proceed to <u>step 2</u>.

1.2 If the eligible applicant <u>has a valid visa</u>, please skip to <u>step 4</u>

# Step 2: The applicant is required to apply for a visa online via the link <a href="https://www.thaievisa.go.th/">https://www.thaievisa.go.th/</a> through the following steps:

- 2.1 Create account.
- 2.2 Check eligibility and purpose of visit.
- 2.3 Fill in an online application form.
- 2.4 Add travel information.
- 2.5 Upload required supporting documents.
- 2.6 Review application.
- 2.7 Pay for visa fee (if any).

For full instructions on how to apply for Thailand e-visa, please check the User Manual via <a href="https://www.thaievisa.go.th/static/English-Manual.pdf">https://www.thaievisa.go.th/static/English-Manual.pdf</a> or watch the Video User Manual via <a href="https://www.thaievisa.go.th/video-user-manuals.">https://www.thaievisa.go.th/video-user-manuals.</a>

#### **Important Notes:**

- Applicants of all visa types are still required to upload a health insurance policy covering (1) treatment and medical expenses related to COVID-19 with a minimum coverage of USD 100,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies) and (2) the entire duration of stay in Thailand to apply for Thailand e-visa and Thailand Pass QR Code.
- The list of 13 categories of non-Thai nationals that are eligible to enter the Kingdom of Thailand as in *attachment 1*.
- Korean passport holders are entitled to visit Thailand under tourist visa exemption scheme for a period of not exceeding 30 days. The full list of countries and territories entitled for tourist visa exemption as in <u>attachment 2</u>.
- Travellers who will visit Thailand without a visa are required to upload a health insurance policy covering treatment and medical expenses related to COVID-19 with a minimum coverage of USD 50,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies) to apply for Thailand Pass QR Code. The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand.

Step 3: After the e-visa application has been approved, a confirmation e-mail will be automatically sent to applicants. Applicant is requested to print a copy of the e-visa confirmation e-mail to present to airline and Thai immigration officials to carry out checks when travelling to Thailand.

#### **Important Notes:**

- It is no longer required for applicant to submit his/her passport and original supporting documents in person at the Royal Thai Embassy in Seoul.

- The processing time for e-visa approval takes at least 5 working days (excluding the submission date).
- Incomplete or inaccurate e-visa applications may result in visa delay or visa refusal.
- The applicant is required to plan the trip carefully to minimize the possibility of not getting the visa in time.
- Due to the Agreement on Visa Fee Exemption between Thailand and the Republic of Korea, signed in 1967, Korean passport holders are entitled for visa fee exemption.

# Step 4: As from 1 November 2021 onwards, applicant is required to register for Thailand's new electronic entry document (Thailand Pass QR Code) through https://tp.consular.go.th

#### **Important Notes:**

- For travellers who have previously been granted Certificate of Entry (COE) and will arrive in Thailand from 1 November 2021 onwards, the COE still remains valid for entering Thailand.
- Travellers are required to apply for Thailand Pass QR code through the link <a href="https://tp.consular.go.th/">https://tp.consular.go.th/</a> for not less than 7 days before the departure date. However, in case of emergency or traveling at short notice, the Thailand Pass system allows advance registration up to 3 days prior to the departure date. Registration for Thailand Pass QR code on mobile devices is now available. Information on three travel schemes as follows:

### (1) Exemption from Quarantine (EQ/Test & Go) Scheme

1.1 Applicant who stays in the eligible countries/territories (including the Republic of Korea) for at least 21 consecutive days before leaving for Thailand and is fully vaccinated by the vaccines that have been approved by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand or the World Health Organization (WHO) for not less than 14 days prior to the departure date is eligible for *EQ* scheme. The said applicant must undergo one COVID-19 RT-PCR test at the hotel and wait for the result for at least 1 night at the hotel. If the result is negative, applicant will be allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand without quarantine.

- 1.2 Children of 12-17 years old, who have not been vaccinated, are eligible to travel to Thailand only with fully vaccinated parent or guardians. The children must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result issued within 72 hours before travelling. Those who will travel to Thailand alone are required to be vaccinated with at least one dose of an approved vaccine and must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result issued within 72 hours before travelling.
- 1.3 Children under 12 years old, who have not been vaccinated, are eligible to travel to Thailand with fully vaccinated parent or guardians with a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result issued within 72 hours before travelling.
- 1.4 Children under 6 years old, who have not been vaccinated, are eligible to travel to Thailand with fully vaccinated parent or guardians and are not required to have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result before travelling. However, the children are required to have a saliva test upon arrival in Thailand.
- 1.5 Applicant of *EQ/Test & Go* scheme must upload the following documents to apply for Thailand Pass QR Code:
- (1) a copy of passport;
- (2) a health insurance policy covering treatment and medical expenses related to COVID-19 with a minimum coverage of USD 50,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies). The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand; (3) air ticket;
- (4) vaccination certificate; and
- (5) payment confirmation of SHA+/AQ hotel for at least 1 night which also includes the receipt of pre-paid one COVID-19 RT-PCR test, ATK (for self-test on day 6-7), and airport pick-up expenses.

## (2) Sandbox Program (All countries/territories)

2.1 Applicant from all countries/territories (including the ROK) that is fully vaccinated by the vaccines that have been approved by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand or the World Health Organization (WHO) for not less than 14 days prior to the departure date is entitled to travel to Thailand under the *Sandbox Program.* While staying in the Sandbox area for a period of 7 days, the said applicant <u>must undergo one COVID-19 RT-PCR test on day 0-1</u>

and one self-test ATK on day 6-7 before obtaining the release form and being allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand outside of the Sandbox area.

- 2.2 Children of 12-17 years old, who have not been vaccinated, are eligible to travel to Thailand only with fully vaccinated parent or guardians and with COVID-19 RT-PCR test issued within 72 hours before travelling. Those who will travel to Thailand alone are required to be vaccinated with at least one dose of an approved vaccine and must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result issued within 72 hours before travelling.
- 2.3 Children under 12 years old, who have not been vaccinated, are eligible to travel to Thailand with fully vaccinated parent or guardians with a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result issued within 72 hours before travelling.
- 2.4 Children under 6 years old, who have not been vaccinated, are eligible to travel to Thailand with fully vaccinated parent or guardians and are not required to have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result before travelling. However, the children are required to have a saliva test upon arrival in Thailand.
- 2.5 Applicant of *Sandbox Program* must upload the following documents to apply for Thailand Pass QR Code:
- (1) a copy of passport;
- (2) a health insurance policy covering treatment and medical expenses related to COVID-19 with a minimum coverage of USD 50,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies). The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand; (3) air ticket;
- (4) vaccination certificate; and
- (5) payment confirmation of SHA+ hotel for at least 7 days which also includes the receipt of a pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR test (for day 0-1), ATK (for self-test on day 6-7), and airport pick-up expenses.

## (3) Alternative Quarantine (AQ) Scheme (All countries/territories)

3.1 Applicant from all countries/territories (including the ROK), who has not been vaccinated or has not been fully vaccinated is eligible to travel to Thailand under AQ Scheme. The said applicant must stay in AQ hotel for a period of 10 days and must undergo two COVID-19 RT-PCR tests on day 0-1 and on day 6-7 at the AQ facilities. If the result is negative, applicant will be allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand.

- 3.2 Applicant of *AQ Scheme* must upload the following documents to apply for Thailand Pass QR Code:
- (1) a copy of passport;
- (2) a health insurance policy covering treatment and medical expenses related to COVID-19 with a minimum coverage of USD 50,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies). The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand;
- (3) air ticket; and
- (4) payment confirmation of SHA+ hotel for at least 10 days which also includes the receipt of two pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR tests.
- Travellers who had been infected with COVID-19 within 3 months before travelling must have a medical certificate of recovery or get vaccinated with at least one dose of an approved vaccine before travelling.
- Travellers who had been infected with COVID-19 for more than 3 months before travelling must get vaccinated with at least one dose of an approved vaccine before travelling.
- The updated list of 63 countries/territories eligible to enter into Thailand under the Exemption of Quarantine scheme (Test and Go) is as in *attachment 3*.
- List of approved vaccines as in attachment 4.
- List of SHA+ certified hotels can be found at

## https://www.thailandsha.com/shalists/ or https://bit.ly/3556nel

- List of AQ facilities can be found at <a href="https://hsscovid.com">https://hsscovid.com</a> or

## https://bit.ly/3556nel

- For the schedule, availability and information on commercial flights to Thailand, please contact the airline directly.

# Step 5: Applicant must present the following documents at the port of the embarkation and upon entry into the Kingdom of Thailand:

- 5.1 A passport with a valid visa or a copy of the e-visa confirmation e-mail or a valid re-entry permit;
- 5.2 A Thailand Pass QR Code;

- 5.3 A health insurance policy covering treatment and medical expenses related to COVID-19 with a minimum coverage of USD 50,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies). The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand. Travelers are advised to purchase the health insurance that meets Thailand's entry criteria from <a href="https://covid19.tgia.org/">https://covid19.tgia.org/</a>;
- 5.4 A medical certificate with RT-PCR laboratory result indicating that COVID-19 is not detected, issued no more than 72 hours before departure time;
- 5.5 An original vaccine certificate or a copy of online vaccine certificate;
- 5.6. A copy of confirmed hotel reservation at SHA+ or AQ hotel; and
- 5.7 A receipt of pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR test(s) according to the applicant's travel scheme.

For further inquiries, please send an Email to rteseoul.visa@gmail.com

Until further notice.

Royal Thai Embassy

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# The Categories of Non-Thai Nationals that are Eligible to Enter the Kingdom of Thailand

- (1) Exempted persons or persons who are specified, permitted or invited by the Prime Minister or Chief Official responsible for remedying the emergency situation to enter into the Kingdom pertaining to necessity, whereby conditions and timeframes may also be prescribed;
- (2) Persons on diplomatic or consular missions or under international organisations, or representatives of foreign governments or agencies performing their duties in Thailand, or any other persons in international agencies, that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs gives permission pertaining to necessity, including their spouses, parents or children;
- (3) Carrier of goods pertaining to necessity, who shall promptly depart after completing their mission;
- (4) Crew members who are required to travel into the Kingdom on a mission, and have a specified date and time for return;
- (5) Non-Thai nationals who are spouses, parents, or children of Thai nationals;
- (6) Non-Thai nationals who have certificate of residence or have been permitted to take up residency in the Kingdom, including their spouses or children;
- (7) Non-Thai nationals who have work permit or have been granted permission to work in the Kingdom in accordance with Thai laws, including their spouses or children;
- (8) Non-Thai nationals who are students of educational establishments in Thailand approved by Thai authorities, including their parents or guardians, except for students of non-formal schools in accordance with laws on private schools or of any other similar private educational establishments;
- (9) Non-Thai nationals who have been granted permission to enter into the Kingdom under special arrangements between Thai government agencies and other countries, or persons or groups of persons who have been granted permission by the Prime Minister upon the submission for consideration after the examination and review by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Consideration of

the Relaxation of the Enforcement of Measures to Prevent and Suppress the Spread of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), and shall comply with disease prevention measures determined by the Ad Hoc Committee; and

(10) Non-Thai nationals who have been granted permission to enter into the Kingdom of Thailand according to the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 13) are as follows:

(10.1) Non-Thai nationals who wish to obtain long stay visa;

(10.2) Non-Thai nationals who hold a Thailand Elite Card / Thailand Privilege Card;

(10.3) Holders of APEC Card;

(10.4) Non-Thai nationals who wish to do business or make an investment in Thailand but do not have work permit;

(10.5) Non-Thai Nationals who wish to enter Thailand for media production or filming;

(10.6) Non-Thai Nationals from Countries/Territories that are Entitled for Visa Exemption Scheme;

(10.7) Non-Thai nationals who wish to stay in Thailand for the period of up to 60 days (Tourist Visa);

(10.8) Non-Thai nationals who wish to stay in Thailand for the period of up to 90 days (Special Tourist Visa);

(10.9) Non-Thai nationals who are retired and receive pension from the government;

(10.10) Non-Thai nationals who wish to enter Thailand to perform religious work (Non-immigrant Visa Category R); (10.11) Non-Thai nationals who wish to enter

Thailand to perform religious work with multiple entries (Non-immigrant Visa Category R-A);

(10.12) Non-Thai nationals who wish to travel in transit through the Kingdom of Thailand in order to proceed to the country of Destination or to re-enter his/her own country: (Transit Visa: Category 'TS');

(10.13) Non-Thai nationals who wish to participate in sports activities in the Kingdom of Thailand (Transit Visa: Category 'S');
(10.14) Non-Thai nationals who are crews of

conveyance coming to a port, station or area located in the Kingdom of Thailand: (Transit Visa: Category 'C');

(10.15) Non-Thai nationals who wish to participate in volunteering work in the Kingdom of Thailand or who are former Thai citizen or who have to appear in court (Non-immigrant Visa Category O); and (10.16) Non-Thai nationals who wish to enter

Thailand to attend short training course or to participate in study tour or internship programme or to study or practice the Dhamma (Teaching of Buddha) (Non-immigrant Visa Category ED).

- (11) Non-Thai nationals who wish to receive a medical treatment in Thailand; and
- (12) Non-Thai nationals who wish to participate in Sandbox Programme.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Sandbox travellers must arrive through international airports at Suvarnabhumi, Don Mueang, Chiang Mai, Phuket, Samui, U-Tapao or Buriram (chartered flights only). At present, domestic flight transit to Sandbox areas via Bangkok is only possible for Samui (through designated flights only).

(13) Individuals who have been granted permission to enter Thailand for the benefit of the economy in conjunction with public health security measures and the Government's plan to reopen the country.

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Visa Section Royal Thai Embassy, Seoul 29 October 2021

#### Summary of Countries and Territories entitled for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival to Thailand

	Ordinary Passport							Diplomatic/Official Passport		
Passport holders of the following countries/ territories may apply for Visa on Arrival Period of stay	Passport holders of the following countries/ territories may enter Thailand without a visa						Passport holders of the following countries/ territories may enter Thailand without a visa			
	Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme  Period of stay			Bilateral Agreement  Period of stay			Bilateral Agreement  Period of stay			
										15 days
Bulgaria Bhutan China Cyprus Ethiopia Fiji Georgia India Kazakhstan Malta Mexico Nauru Papua New Guinea Romania Saudi Arabia Taiwan Uzbekistan Vanuatu	Andorra Australia Austria Belgium Bahrain Brunei Canada Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Iceland Indonesia Ireland Israel Italy Japan Kuwait Latvia Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Malaysia Maldives Mauritius Monaco The Netherlands New Zealand	Norway Oman The Philippines Poland Portugal Qatar San Marino Singapore Slovak Slovenia Spain South Africa Sweden Switzerland Turkey Ukraine UAE UK USA	Brazil*  Korea (ROK) Peru* Hong Kong** Vietnam**	Cambodia Myanmar (International Airports only)	Hong Kong Laos Macau Mongolia Russia (&VoA) Vietnam**	Argentina Brazil* Chile Peru*  Suspension for Korea (ROK) from 13 April 20 onwards	1	Austria Belarus Belgium Bhutan Brazil Bulgaria Chile Colombia Costa Rica Croatia Czech Republic El Salvador Estonia France (Diplomatic only)	Nepal Panama Peru The Philippines Poland Romania Russia Serbia Seychelles Slovakia South Africa Spain (Diplomatic of Sri Lanka Switzerland Tajikistan Tunisia Turkey Ukraine UAE Uruguay	

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#### Remarks

\* Passport holders of Brazil and Peru are entitled for tourist visa exemption scheme. Meanwhile, Thailand also holds bilateral agreements on visa

exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports for a visit of not exceeding 90 days with Brazil and Peru.

\*\* Passport holders of Vietnam and Hong Kong are entitled for tourist visa exemption scheme. Meanwhile, Thailand also holds bilateral agreements on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports for a visit of not exceeding 30 days with Vietnam and Hong Kong.

\*\*\* Passport holders of countries/territories entitled for visa exemption scheme are required to obtain the Certificate of Entry (COE) issued by the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General before entering Thailand. (Applicants can apply COE via at www.coethailand.mfa.go.th)

# List of Countries/Territories according to the Notification of the Operation Centre for Measures on the Entry into and Departure from the Kingdom, and Protection of Thai Nationals Abroad

(Updated as of 30 October 2021)

1. Australia	23. India	45. Poland
2. Austria	24. Indonesia	46. Portugal
3. Bahrain	25. Ireland	47. Qatar
4. Belgium	26. Israel	48. Romania
5. Bhutan	27. Italy	49. Saudi Arabia
6. Brunei Darussalam	28. Japan	50. Singapore
7. Bulgaria	29. Kuwait	51. Slovak Republic
8. Cambodia	30. Laos	52. Slovenia
9. Canada	31. Latvia	53. Sri Lanka
10. Chile	32. Lithuania	54. South Korea
11. China	33. Luxembourg	55. Spain
12. Croatia	34. Malaysia	56. Sweden
13. Cyprus	35. Maldives	57. Switzerland
14. Czech Republic	36. Malta	58. United Arab Emirates
15. Denmark	37. Mongolia	59. United Kingdom
16. Estonia	38. Myanmar	60. United States
17. Finland	39. Nepal	61. Vietnam
18. France	40. Netherlands	62. Hong Kong
19. Germany	41. New Zealand	63. Taiwan
20. Greece	42. Norway	
21. Hungary	43. Oman	
22. Iceland	44. Philippines	

### List of Vaccines Approved by the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand

- (1) CoronaVac (Sinovac Biotech ltd.)
- (2) AstraZeneca or Covishield (AstraZeneca & University of Oxford / SK Bioscience (Korea) / Siam BioScience / Serum Institute of India (SII))
- (3) Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine or Comimaty (Pfizer Inc.,& BioNTech)
  - (4) Janssen or Janssen/Ad26.COV2.S (Johnson & Johnson Services, Inc.)
  - (5) Moderna (Moderna Inc.)
  - (6) Sinopharm vaccine or COVILO (Sinopharm Co., Ltd.)
- (7) Sputnik V (Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology)
  - (8) Covaxin by Bharat Biotech International Limited

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(Updated as of 13 December 2021)

# List of 17 Provinces under Sandbox Programme

- 1. Bangkok
- 2. Krabi
- 3. Chon buri\*

(Only in Bang Lamung district, Pattaya City, Si Racha District, Ko Sichang District, Sattahip District-only Na Chom Thian Sub-district and Bang Sare Sub-district)

4. Chiang Mai\*

(Only in Mueang Chiang Mai District, Doi Tao District, Mae Rim District, and Mae Taeng District)

5. Trad\*

(Only in Ko Chang District)

6. Buriram\*

(Only in Mueang Buriram District)

7. Prachuap Khiri Khan\*

(Only in Hua Hin Sub-district and Nong Kae Sub-district)

- 8. Phang-Nga
- 9. Phetchaburi\*

(Only in Mueang Cha-Am Municipality)

- 10. Phuket
- 11. Ranong\*

(Only in Ko Phayam)

12. Rayong\*

(Only in Ko Samet)

#### 13. Loei\*

(Only in Chiang Khan District)

#### 14. Samut Prakan\*

(Only in the area of Suvarnabhumi International Airport)

#### 15. Surat Thani\*

(Only in Ko Samui, Ko Pha Ngan, and Ko Tao)

### 16. Nong Khai\*

(Only in Mueang Nong Khai District, Sangkhom District, Si Chiang Mai District, and Tha Bo District)

#### 17. Udon Thani\*

(Only in Mueang Udon Thani District, Ban Dung District, Kumphawapi District, Na Yung District, Nong Han District, and Prachaksinlapakhom District)

#### \*\*Remarks\*\*

Provinces with \* are limited to some certain districts only.

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