

# Announcement No.17 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. 16 on the Entry Procedures for Non-Thai Nationals who are Eligible to Enter the Kingdom of Thailand dated 3 March 2022, 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 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.
- South Korean passport holders are entitled to visit Thailand under tourist visa exemption scheme for a period of not exceeding 30 days.
- In addition, as from 1 April 2022 at 00.00 hrs., the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand will resume a Visa-waiver Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Korea. Therefore, South Korean passport holders are entitled to visit Thailand under the aforementioned agreement for a period of not exceeding 90 days. The full list of countries and territories entitled for tourist visa exemption as in *attachment 1*.
- 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 20,000.- (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, <u>Korean passport holders are entitled for visa fee exemption</u>.

# Step 4: Applicant is required to register for Thailand's new electronic entry document (Thailand Pass QR Code) through <a href="https://tp.consular.go.th">https://tp.consular.go.th</a>

#### **Important Notes:**

- 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.
- New measures for all applicants on Thailand Pass are as follows:

## 1. Test and Go Scheme

- 1.1 Applicants from all countries/territories (including the ROK) that are 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 are entitled to travel to Thailand under the *Test and Go Scheme*.
- 1.2 Applicants of *Test and 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 20,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies). The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand; (3) air ticket;
- (4) vaccination certificate
- Travellers whose ages are 18 and above must be fully vaccinated.
- Travellers whose ages are below 18 and are travelling with parents or legal guardian are not required to be fully vaccinated.
- Travellers aged between 12-17 and are travelling alone must receive at least one dose of vaccination.
- Travellers aged below 12 and are travelling alone must be fully vaccinated.; and
- (5) payment confirmation of SHA Extra+/AQ/OQ/AHQ hotel which also includes the receipt of a pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR test on day 1, ATK self-test on day 5-6, and airport transfer. In case applicants stay in Thailand less than 5 days, applicants may upload the air ticket instead of the hotel payment confirmation of day 5.
- 1.3 Travellers are allowed to travel to any parts of Thailand after receiving a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test. However, travellers are required to abide by the universal preventive measures for COVID-19.
- 1.4 In case it appears later that the health insurance of the traveller doesn't cover the treatment of COVID-19, traveller is required to sign the consent form which declares that the traveller will be responsible for the treatment cost including hotel isolation, hospital, and in case of being a high-risk contact (HRC).

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

2.1 Applicants from all countries/territories (including the ROK) that are 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 5 days, the said applicants must undergo one COVID RT-PCR test upon arrival at the hotel and one ATK test on day 5 before being allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand.

- 2.2 The Sandbox scheme has been expanded from Phuket province to include the provinces of Surat Thani (Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, and Koh Tao), Krabi, and Phang-nga.
- <u>Phuket</u>: Travellers must travel by direct flights from Incheon to Phuket (Incheon-Singapore-Phuket).
- <u>Surat Thani (Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, and Koh Tao)</u>: Travellers must travel either via connecting flights under sealed route from Suvarnnabhumi Airport to Samui or via direct flights from the ROK to Samui.
- Phang-nga: Travellers must travel via direct flights from the ROK to Phuket.
- <u>Krabi</u>: Travellers must travel via direct flights from the ROK to Phuket or to Krabi
- 2.3 Sandbox areas also cover Chonburi (Bang Lamung, Pattaya, Si Racha, Si Chang, and Sattahip only Na Jomtien and Bang Saray) and Trat (only at Koh Chang).
- 2.4 Travellers of the Sandbox areas of Phuket, Surat Thani (Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, and Koh Tao), Phang-nga, and Krabi will be allowed to travel back and forth within these areas and can book up to three different hotels during 5 days of their stay under the Sandbox program.
- 2.5 Applicants 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 20,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies). The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand; (3) air ticket;
- (4) vaccination certificate
- Travellers whose ages are 18 and above must be fully vaccinated.
- Travellers whose ages are below 18 and are travelling with parents or legal guardian are not required to be fully vaccinated.
- Travellers aged between 12-17 and are travelling alone must receive at least one dose of vaccination.
- Travellers aged below 12 and are travelling alone must be fully vaccinated.; and

(5) payment confirmation of SHA+ hotel for 5 days or for actual number of days of stay (in case leaving from Thailand before completion of 5 days). Such payment confirmation must also include the receipt of one pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR test upon arrival, ATK test on day 5, and airport pick-up expenses.

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

- 3.1 Applicants from all countries/territories (including the ROK), who have been fully vaccinated or have not been fully vaccinated or have not been vaccinated are eligible to travel to Thailand under AQ Scheme. The said applicants must stay in AQ hotel for a period of 5 days and must undergo one COVID-19 RT-PCR test at the AQ facilities on day 4-5. If the result is negative, applicants will be allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand.
- 3.2 Applicants 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 20,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies). The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand; (3) air ticket;
- (4) vaccination certificate (for staying in AQ hotel for a period of 5 days); and
- (5) payment confirmation of SHA+ hotel for a period of 5 days according to the applicant's vaccination status. The payment confirmation must also include the receipt of one pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR test.

## **General Information**

- Travellers who had been infected with COVID-19 within 3 months before travelling must have medical certificates of recovery or asymptomatic before travelling. (For Test and Go / Sandbox Programme)
- 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. (For Test and Go / Sandbox Programme)
- List of approved vaccines as in attachment 2.
- 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/3556nel">https://bit.ly/3556nel</a>
- 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 100,000 (or equivalent in other currencies) in case of obtaining a new visa to enter into Thailand or a minimum coverage of USD 20,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies) in case of travelling to Thailand under tourist visa exemption scheme. 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 https://covid19.tgia.org/;
- 5.4 An original vaccine certificate or a copy of online vaccine certificate;
- 5.5 A copy of confirmed hotel reservation at SHA+ or AQ hotel; and
- 5.6 A receipt of pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR test.

For further inquiries, please send an Email to <a href="wisa.sel@mfa.go.th">wisa.sel@mfa.go.th</a>
Until further notice.

Royal Thai Embassy.

Seoul

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#### Countries and Territories entitled for Visa Exemption

Passport holders of the following countries/ territories may  Ordinary Passport				Diplomatic/Official Passport	
Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme Period of stay				Bilateral Agreement Period of stay	
Andorra	Brazil*	Hong Kong	Argentina	Brunei	Albania
Australia	Korea (ROK)	Laos	Brazil*	Cambodia	Argentina
Austria	Peru*	Macau	Chile	China	Austria
Belgium	Hong Kong**	Mongolia	Peru*	Ecuador	Belarus
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#### Remarks

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.

#### 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
  - (9) Medigen
  - (10) Sputnik Light

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