



Announcement No.15 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. 14 on the Entry Procedures for Non-Thai Nationals who are Eligible to Enter the Kingdom of Thailand dated 17 January 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 does not have a valid visa, please proceed to step 2.

1.2 If the eligible applicant has a valid visa, please skip to step 4

Step 2: The applicant is required to apply for a visa online via the link <https://www.thaievisa.go.th/> 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 <https://www.thaievisa.go.th/static/English-Manual.pdf> or watch the Video User Manual via <https://www.thaievisa.go.th/video-user-manuals>.

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 **attachment 2**.
- 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:

- Travellers are required to apply for Thailand Pass QR code through the link <https://tp.consular.go.th/> 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 Registrations under the Test and Go scheme remains suspended until 31 January 2022. Those who have already received the Thailand Pass QR Code can travel to Thailand according to their approved schedule.

1.2 Applicants who have received their Thailand Pass QR Code under the Test and Go scheme before 22 December 2021 and wish to change their travel dates can send their request to email: testgo@consular.go.th. However, applicants are required to identify the reasons for the change of travel schedule and attach the following documents in the email: a copy of valid passport, vaccination certificate, payment confirmation of the hotel, and flight confirmation. The relevant agency will consider the request on the case-by-case basis.

1.3 Applicants who have registered, but have not received their QR Code must wait for their Thailand Pass to be considered or approved. Once approved, they can enter Thailand under the scheme they have registered.

1.4 The Test and Go scheme will be resumed for registrations from 1 February 2022 at 09.00 hrs. onwards. 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*.

1.5 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 50,000.- (or equivalent in other currencies). The insurance must cover the entire duration of stay in Thailand;
- (3) air ticket;
- (4) vaccination certificate;
- (5) payment confirmation of SHA Extra+/AQ/OQ/AHQ hotel which also includes the receipt of two pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR tests on day 1 and day 5. (Applicants are allowed to book two different hotels which are not required to be in the same province on day 1 and day 5 but must stay in the hotel room to wait for the COVID-19 RT-PCR test result. 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); and
- (6) airport pick-up expenses.

1.6 During day 1 and day 5, traveller is allowed to travel to any parts of Thailand. However, traveller is required to abide by the universal preventive measures for COVID-19.

1.7 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 7 days, the said applicants must undergo two COVID-19 RT-PCR tests at the hotel 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.

- **Phuket**: Travellers must travel by direct flights from Incheon to Phuket (Incheon-Singapore-Phuket).

- **Surat Thani (Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, and Koh Tao)**: Travellers must travel either via connecting flights under sealed route from Suvarnabhumi 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.

- **Krabi**: Travellers must travel via direct flights from the ROK to Phuket or to Krabi

2.3 From 1 February 2022 onwards, the Sandbox areas will 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 From 1 February 2022 onwards, 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 7 days of their stay under the Sandbox program.

2.5 Travellers must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test issued within 72 hours before departure (not required for travellers aged under 6).

2.6 Requirements for travellers aged below 18 are as follows:

2.6.1 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.

2.6.2 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.

2.6.3 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.

2.7 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 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 7 days or for actual number of days of stay (in case leaving from Thailand before completion of 7 days). Such payment confirmation must also include the receipt of two pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR tests, 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 7 days (if fully vaccinated) or 10 days (if not fully vaccinated or not yet vaccinated) and must undergo two COVID-19 RT-PCR tests at the AQ facilities. If the result is negative, applicants will be allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand.

3.2 Travellers must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test issued within 72 hours before departure (not required for travellers aged under 6).

3.3 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 50,000.- (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 7 days); and
- (5) payment confirmation of SHA+ hotel for a period of 7 or 10 days according to the applicant's vaccination status. The payment confirmation must also include the receipt of two pre-paid COVID-19 RT-PCR tests.

Note: Travellers aged below 18 who are travelling unaccompanied must submit proof of 1 (one) dose of vaccination to be eligible for 7 days quarantine.

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 3](#).
- 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 <https://hsscovid.com> 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 100,000 (or equivalent in other currencies) in case of obtaining a new visa to enter into Thailand or a minimum coverage of USD 50,000 (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 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.



**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.

(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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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.COVS.2.S (Johnson & Johnson Services, Inc.)
- (5) Moderna (Moderna Inc.)
- (6) Sinopharm vaccine or COVIL0 (Sinopharm Co., Ltd.)
- (7) Sputnik V (Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology)
- (8) Covaxin by Bharat Biotech International Limited

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