

Guideline for Non-Thai Nationals travelling to Thailand

**** UPDATE **** – As one of the Countries listed for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival ([Click here](#)), Maldivian Passport Holders are not required to obtain a visa when entering Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in Thailand for a period not exceeding 30 days on each visit (In process of being extended to 45 days by the government of Thailand). Even with the visa exemption scheme, travelers still need to obtain the Certificate of Entry (COE) in order to enter Thailand. For more information, please check point 3 of this announcement.

1) Check your eligibility to travel to Thailand

- In accordance with the **Regulation issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), as amended**, the following persons are permitted to enter Thailand
 1. Persons with exemption or persons being considered, permitted or invited by the Prime Minister, or the head of responsible persons accountable for resolving state of emergency issues to enter the Kingdom, pertaining to necessity. Such consideration, permission or invitation may be subject to specified conditions and time limits.
 2. Persons on diplomatic or consular missions or under International organizations, or representatives of foreign government performing their duties in the Kingdom, or persons of other international agencies as permitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs pertaining to necessity, including their spouse, parents, or children.
 3. Carriers of necessary goods, subject to immediate return after completion.
 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 hold a Certificate of Residence, including their spouses and 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 and children, or foreign workers who have been granted exemption from the government to temporarily stay in the Kingdom and permitted to work through their employers or licensees who are permitted to bring in foreign workers to work in the Kingdom.

8. Non-Thai nationals who wish to travel to Thailand for a business meeting or investment.
9. Non-Thai nationals who are students of educational institutions approved by Thai authorities, including their parents or guardians, excluding students of non-formal educational institutions in accordance with the law on Private schools and of other similar private educational institutions.
10. Non-Thai nationals who are in need of medical treatment in Thailand, and their accompanying persons. However, this shall not include medical treatment for COVID-19.
11. 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. Persons in need of medical treatment, including three accompanying persons.
12. Non-Thai nationals who hold valid Non-Immigrant Visa “O-A” / “O-X”, Retirement visa, Thailand Elite visa or APEC card.
13. Non-Thai nationals wish to travel to Thailand for tourist purpose.

- For more information and latest updates, please visit <https://www.caat.or.th/th/moicovid>
- The embassy encourages all applicants to check your eligibility to travel to Thailand prior to make any travel arrangements via email: royalthaiembassyincolombo@gmail.com

2) Apply for visa

- Scan and submit your visa application along with required documents according to the checklist form to email: royalthaiembassyincolombo@gmail.com (the checklist forms can be downloaded from the embassy website or the link below; <https://colombo.thaiembassy.org/en/publicservice/65725-thai-visa-application-form-and-checklist-forms-for-all-types-of-thai-visa?page=5d7d051f15e39c0cf800627c&menu=5d7d052015e39c0cf80062d0>)
- Once all documents are in order, the embassy will inform an applicant of an appointment date for passport submission via email. The visa process usually takes 5 working days to complete.

□ Kindly note that, during COVID-19 situation, the Royal Thai Embassy will accept visa application ***BY APPOINTMENT ONLY***.

□ **Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival**

- **For a visit of up to 30 days**

(in process of being extended to 45 days by the government of Thailand)

Passport holders from the following countries/territory are not required to obtain a visa when entering Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days on each visit:

Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme Andora, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, Sweden, UAE, UK, USA, Vietnam

Bilateral Agreement arrangement Lao, Macau, Mongolia, Russia

- **For a visit of up to 90 days**

Passport holders from the following countries/territory are not required to obtain a visa when entering Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 90 days on each visit:

Bilateral Agreement arrangement Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Korea, Peru

- **For a visit of up to 14 days (currently suspended)**

Passport holders from the following countries/territory are not required to obtain a visa when entering Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 14 days on each visit:

Bilateral Agreement arrangement Cambodia, Myanmar

NB: Tourist Visa Exemption does not apply to foreigners holding Travel Document for Aliens issued by the above countries.

3) Apply for Thailand's Certificate of Entry (COE)

- Currently, all non-Thai nationals are requested to obtain the Certificate of Entry (COE) in order to enter Thailand
- Apply for COE at <https://coethailand.mfa.go.th/> at least 7 days prior to the date of departure
- Applicants are advised to purchase their health insurance which meets Thailand's entry criteria here: <http://covid19.tgia.org/>
- All non-Thai nationals are required to purchase a 14-days quarantine package at either ASQ AHQ or ALQ in order to obtain COE. Please visit <http://www.hsscovid.com/> for more information on ASQ AHQ and ALQ (only ALQs in CHONBURI and PRACHINBURI provinces are allowed for non-Thai nationals arriving to Bangkok).
- At present, air operators are permitted to operate semi-commercial flights to Thailand, such as Emirates (DXB-BKK: EK384); Qatar Airways (DOH-BKK: QR 830 & QR836); Etihad Airways (AUH-BKK: EY406); Singapore Airlines (SIN-BKK - SQ 976) etc...
- Before booking flights to Thailand with the abovementioned air operators, applicants should ensure that they fall within the categories of non-Thai nationals permitted to enter Thailand. Please note that having plane tickets does not guarantee entry to Thailand. To enter Thailand, non-Thai applicants must have all the required documents mentioned in point 5 below.

4) Obtain necessary medical certificates

- **Medical Certificate with a laboratory result indicating that COVID-19 is not detected, using RT-PCR method**, which has been certified or issued no more than 72 hours before departure
- **Fit to Fly Health Certificate**, which has been certified or issued no more than 72 hours before 5) Once you receive the COE, the necessary documents for the trip are as follows;

5) Necessary Travel Documents

1. Passport
2. Valid Thai visa/entry permit
3. Plane ticket
4. Certificate of Entry (COE) issued from <https://coethailand.mfa.go.th/>
5. Insurance Policy which covers treatment and medical expenses in relation to COVID-19, with a minimum coverage of 100,000 USD
6. COVID-free Certificate issued no more than 72 hours before departure
7. Fit to fly certificate issued no more than 72 hours before departure
8. ASQ/ALQ/AHQ Booking confirmation