



ANNOUNCEMENT

URGENT VISAS

The Royal Thai Embassy would like to make clarification regarding the procedure of issuing urgent visas as follows:

- 1. The Embassy will NOT issue urgent tourist visas.**
- 2. The Embassy will consider to issue visas urgently on the following cases:**

2.1 Medical emergency

A visa applicant who has medical emergency with proof from local hospital and Thai hospital may pay a visit to the Embassy and present the evidence of urgency, especially doctor recommendation, as well as other required documents at the time of submission. The Embassy will consider the request on case-by-case basis.

2.2 Official visit

A visa applicant who has to go to Thailand on official mission has to provide an official letter from government or international organisation as well as other required documents at the time of submission. The Embassy will NOT issue tourist visas for applicants who go on official mission with the cover note from the Ministry.

2.3 Business urgency

A visa applicant who is invited to attend business meeting or business talk in Thailand with short notice must send a request to colombo.visa@thaivisareservation.com with attachment of an official letter from the inviting party/Thai side stating reasonable reason why the applicant is unable to apply for visa on time. (NOT how important the business meeting is)

The Embassy will consider the request on case-by-case basis. If there is urgency of the case, the Embassy will inform the visa applicant of the appointed date and time to submit his/her visa application.

3. Notably, due to the large number of visa applications per day, the Embassy requires **at least 2 working days (after the day of submission)** to process the request for an urgent visa, except the case of medical emergency. The Embassy also reserves the right to grant or refuse to issue visas to any person.

4. In all urgent cases, visa applicant is required to inform the Embassy **at the time of submission** regarding the urgency of situation, otherwise the passport of the applicant will be placed with normal collection passports and the Embassy is **unable to proceed urgent visa** for that applicant.

5. If a visa applicant no longer desires to go Thailand after submission of his/her passport, the visa applicant is required to wait for the return of his/her passport on the collection day since the passport has already been proceeded in the system.

