



ROYAL THAI EMBASSY

Abuja

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## **VISA REGULATIONS**

### **1. General Information**

- 1.1. Any foreigner wishing to enter Thailand is required to obtain a visa from any Thai Embassy or Consulate-General. However, nationals of certain countries are required to apply for a visa only at the Thai Embassy or Consulate-General in their home/residence or at the designated Thai Embassy. Therefore, travelers are advised to contact the nearest Thai Embassy or Consulate-General to find out where they may apply for visa to Thailand.
- 1.2. Nationals of the nine countries designated under the diplomatic jurisdiction of the Royal Thai Embassy in Abuja; namely Nigeria, Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, and São Tomé and Príncipe, who have residence in Africa are required to submit their visa application by themselves only at the Royal Thai Embassy in Abuja.
- 1.3. However, nationals of the nine countries above who have permanent residence outside Africa may apply for a visa at the Embassy or Consulate-General where the applicants have residence. Nonetheless, the applicants are advised to contact the nearest Thai Embassy or Consulate-General about the admissibility of the visa applications as well as its procedure and required documents.
- 1.4. Nationals of certain countries are able to apply for visa on arrival for tourism purpose at the designated international check points in Thailand, while some nationals do not need visa under bilateral agreements with Thailand on the exemption of visa requirements. Please check the Embassy's website for the list of countries designated on the Visa on Arrival and Visa Exemption Scheme.
- 1.5. Travelers from/through the countries including Nigeria which have been declared Yellow Fever infected Area must have an International Health Certificate on Yellow Fever vaccination upon entering Thailand. Please check the Embassy's website for the list of declared Yellow Fever infected areas.
- 1.6. The submission of forged documents as part of visa application process is a criminal offence under the Nigerian Criminal Code. Any applicant who has committed such an act will be placed on the black list and reported to competent Nigerian authorities for further legal actions.
- 1.7. It has often come to Embassy's attention that, individuals misrepresenting themselves as the Embassy's staffs have approached people to offer fraudulent/fictitious visa assistance, with the intent to steal personal information or solicit money. The Embassy encourages the applicants to exercise caution when encountering an individual who requests payment of any fees/money without issuing a receipt with the Embassy's stamp, or promises to grant visa in exchange for money.

## 2. Category of Visa

- 2.1. Diplomatic Visa is issued only to a diplomatic passport holder who wishes to assume duties in diplomatic missions or international organization in Thailand.
- 2.2. Official Visa and Courtesy Visa are issued to an official passport holder and the ordinary passport holder respectively who wish to enter Thailand on official duties or as a guest of the Thai government or other purposes.
- 2.3. Tourist Visa is issued to the applicant who wishes to enter Thailand for the following purposes;
  - 2.3.1. Tourism (visa category “TR”)
  - 2.3.2. Medical treatment (visa category “MT”)
- 2.4. Transit Visa is issued to the applicant who wishes to enter Thailand for the following purposes;
  - 2.4.1. Transit through Thailand in order to proceed to the country of destination or to re-enter their own country (visa category “TS”)
  - 2.4.2. Participation in sports activities (visa category “S”)
  - 2.4.3. Crew members coming to a port, station or area in Thailand (visa category “C”)
- 2.5. Non-Immigrant Visa is issued to the applicants who wish to enter Thailand for the following purposes;
  - 2.5.1. Official duties (visa category “F”)
  - 2.5.2. Business/employment (visa category “B”)
  - 2.5.3. Education, work study tour or observation tour, participation in projects, seminars, conference or training course (visa category “ED”)
  - 2.5.4. Investment with the concurrence of the relevant Thai ministries or government agencies concerned (visa category “IM”)
  - 2.5.5. Investment or other activities relating to investment, subject to the provision of the established laws on investment promotion (visa category “IB”)
  - 2.5.6. Engagement as a film-producer, journalist or reporter (visa category “M”)
  - 2.5.7. Missionary work or other religious activities with the concurrence of the relevant Thai ministries or government agencies concerned (visa category “R”)
  - 2.5.8. Scientific research, training or teaching in a research institute (visa category “RS”)
  - 2.5.9. Other activities (visa category “O”) as follows;
    - 2.5.9.1. To stay with family
    - 2.5.9.2. To perform duties for social welfare organizations
    - 2.5.9.3. To stay after retirement for the elderly
    - 2.5.9.4. To receive medical treatment
    - 2.5.9.5. To be a sport coach as required by Thai Government
    - 2.5.9.6. To be a contestant or witness for the judicial process

### **3. Visa application procedure at the Royal Thai Embassy in Abuja**

#### **3.1. Document submission and payment**

- 3.1.1. The applicant is required to completely fill a visa application form (Appendix 1) together with document checklist form (Appendix 2) and submit them together with all required documents appeared on the document checklist form. Both application and document checklist forms can be downloaded from the Embassy's website *www.thaiembassyinigeria.com*
- 3.1.2. The applicant is required to submit the applications only by themselves. Application by agencies or any individuals apart from the applicant themselves is not allowed.
- 3.1.3. Incomplete visa application will lead to visa refusal. The applicants should check the required documents on the document checklist form before their submission. The Embassy reserves the rights to request additional documents as deemed necessary. However, the submission of all required documents does not guarantee the issuance of visa.
- 3.1.4. The applicant is required to pay for visa fee by cash only for the amount according to the requested category of visa. (Appendix 3) The receipt with Embassy stamp will be issued after payment. The applicant is required to keep the receipt and present it for passport collection.
- 3.1.5. Visa application time starts from 9.000 to 11.00 hrs. daily. The Embassy is closed during weekend and on public holidays. Please check the Embassy's website for further details about the Embassy's holiday.

#### **3.2. Interview**

- 3.2.1. In some cases, the Embassy will invite the applicants for interview. The applicant will be informed of an appointment date and time by telephone. The interview normally takes approximately 5-10 minutes for each applicant.
- 3.2.2. The applicant is required to present the ID card and the visa application receipt on the interview date.
- 3.2.3. Failure to show up on the interview date and time without prior notice will lead to visa refusal.

#### **3.3. Visa processing time**

- 3.3.1. Visa process takes 5 working days. The applicants should, therefore, submit the visa application in due time prior to their intended travel date.
- 3.3.2. However, the applicant will be informed by telephone in case the application needs longer than 5 working days to process. In this event, the passport will be returned to the applicants who will be notified to bring their passport back later to the Embassy after the approval is granted.

3.4. Collection

- 3.4.1. Visa will be ready for collection on the fifth day the from the date of application. For example, if the applicant submits the application on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, the visa will be ready on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.
- 3.4.2. The applicant is required to bring the visa application receipt to receive their passport at the Consular Section between 14.00-15.00 hrs. The applicants can also entrust somebody with the Power of Attorney to receive their passports. The Embassy is closed during weekend and on public holidays. Please check the Embassy's website for further details about the Embassy's holiday.

4. **Required documents for visa application**

Please see the document checklist form (Appendix 2) for the details about required supporting documents for visa application.

5. **Inquires**

For more inquiries, please contact the Consular Section by email address: consular.abj@mfa.mail.go.th

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