

#### Announcement

# Special Tourist Visa (Effective from 7 October 2020 to 30 September 2021)

The Royal Thai Consulate-General in Guangzhou wishes to inform that on 29 September 2020, the Ministry of Interior of Thailand officially announced a Special Tourist Visa (STV) program, allowing foreigners who meet the following requirements to enter the Kingdom of Thailand, effective from 7 October 2020 to 30 September 2021. Details are as follows:

### 1. Eligibility of Applicants

- Chinese and foreign nationals currently residing in Guangdong and Hainan Provinces who wish to stay in Thailand for a minimum period of 90 days, can apply for this type of visa.
- Applicant is not prohibited from entering the Kingdom as provided the Immigration Act B.E. 2522 (1979).
- Applicant must have no criminal record in Thailand and the country of the applicant's nationality and residence.
- Applicant must not have communicable diseases (Leprosy, Tuberculosis, drug addiction, Elephantiasis, Third Phase of Syphilis) as indicated in the Ministerial Regulation No. 14 B.E. 2535.

# 2. Required Documents for Certificate of Entry (COE) Application for Special Tourist Visa

- 2.1 A completed declaration form
- 2.2 A proof of payment for designated Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) hotel of at least 14 days. For more information about ASQ, please visit http://hsscovid.com.
- 2.3 A proof of Health Insurance covering all medical expenses in Thailand with a minimum coverage of USD 100,000 that includes coverage for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) treatment.

## 3. Required Documents for STV Application

- 3.1 A fully completed and signed visa application form and its copy.
- 3.2 Two copies of passport (personal information page of the applicant)
- 3.3 A passport valid for more than 12 months from the date of entry to Thailand
- 3.4 Documents for consideration of visa application
  - 3.4.1 A proof of ownership of a condominium unit in Thailand; OR
  - 3.4.2 A proof of payment for a hotel accommodation after the guarantine

### period; OR

- 3.4.3 A proof of rental of a condominium or house; OR
- 3.4.4 A proof of at least two instalments paid for purchase or lease of a condominium unit of which foreigners are eligible to purchase or lease.

Please note that for applicant who has the proof of document which fall into category items 3.4.2, 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, the applicant must provide an original statement from a local or a Thai bank showing a deposit of the amount equal to and not less than THB 500,000 for the past 6 months before the date of visa application with the bank's contact information.

- 3.5 A copy of Health and Accident Insurance Policy, issued by a Thai Insurer only, covering the entire period of stay in Thailand. Coverage must include expenses with a minimum of THB 40,000 for outpatient and THB 400,000 for inpatient, as well as a minimum coverage of USD 100,000, including for Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) treatment. If a single health insurance policy is submitted, it must include all the above coverages. For more information on health insurance, please visit https://longstay.tgia.org.
- 3.6 A proof of payment for designated Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) hotel accommodation of at least 14 days.

3.7 Spouses and children (not more than 20 years of age) of the main applicant must submit proof of relationship and provide the documents as required for COE and STV visa application.

4. Other Requirements

4.1 Upon arrival in Thailand, foreign nationals must strictly comply with disease control measures of Thai authorities, especially the 14-day quarantine, and are required to cover their related expenses.

4.2 Special Tourist Visa is **issued for tourism and short-term stay purposes only**. If it is later found that the applicant, his or her documents, or conduct, do not qualify or comply with the STV's requirements, the Immigration Bureau may revoke the applicant's rights to remain in Thailand and the said applicant may not be allowed to enter the Kingdom in the future.

4.3 STV is valid for single-entry only, not transferable to other visa types and valid for up to 90 days (with possibility of two 90-day extensions). Applications submitted close to the end of the STV program (30 September 2021) may not be eligible for extension of stay. In addition, applicants granted with the STV will also be required to apply for a Certificate of Entry (COE) from the Royal Thai Consulate-General for entry into Thailand.

For further information or enquiries, please contact the Visa Section of the Royal Thai Consulate-General at the telephone number (86-20) 8385-8988, or E-mail address gzthaicg@163.com

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