



Visit the PCEC's [Thai Visa & Immigration](#) website pages for information on entry and extension of stay in Thailand as well as address reporting requirements.

The information presented here relates to requirements or practices of at the Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration Office which may not yet be included on the

PCEC's website.

★ FORIEGNERS PERMITTED TO ENTER THAILAND

The prohibition for many foreigners to enter Thailand remains in effect until further notice. However, the Government will now permit certain categories of foreigners to enter but still not allowing tourists or retirees (including those holding a re-entry permit). Currently it includes the following Non-Thai nationals who:

- Are a spouse, parents, or children of a Thai national.
- Hold a valid certificate of permanent residency in the Kingdom, or permission to take up residence in the Kingdom.
- Have work permit or have been granted permission from government agencies to work in the Kingdom, including their spouse or children.
- Are students of educational institutions approved by Thai authorities, including the parents or guardians of the students, except for students of non-formal educational institutions under the law on Private schools and of other similar private educational institutions.
- Are in need of medical treatment in Thailand, and their attendants - does not include medical treatment for COVID19.
- Thai Elite Visa holders.
- Film production crews, foreign exhibitors in the convention center industry and select business people.

As of October 2020, additional categories have been added including some tourists (retirees are still excluded). [Click here](#) for Pattaya News article. The following are some additions to those that may enter Thailand.

OWNING PROPERTY IN THAILAND

Foreigners owning property in Thailand can return, but most will most likely not qualify - information is based on Thai Embassy in London, UK. [Click here](#) for Pattaya Mail article. [Click here](#) for posting on Thavisa.com that includes more detail information on the requirements.

RETIREE VISAS (OA & OX) BEING ISSUED

The Thai Embassy in London is also reporting that they will accept applications for and issue Certificates for Entry for Non-Immigrant OA and Non-Immigrant OX Visas. [Click here](#) for information on eligibility for COE, which includes foreigners owning property mentioned above. (Retirees caught outside Thailand with Re-Entry based on a Non-Immigrant O Visa are not included).

SINGLE ENTRY TOURIST VISA NOW AVAILABLE

It appears that some Thai Embassies/Consulates are now offering the Single Entry Tourist Visa (SETV) which allows a 60 day permission to stay upon entry and can be extended once for 30 additional days.

However, a new requirement has been added – the equivalent of 500,000 Thai Baht to have been on deposit in your bank account for at least six months. The applicant will also be required to meet the requirements for a Certificate for Entry (COE) – see below. [Click here](#) for the Pattaya News article.

CERTIFICATE FOR ENTRY (COE) – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Required Documents for Entry plus any stipulated by the Embassy/Consulate where you apply:

Certificate of Entry (COE) - requires COVID Insurance to obtain (*)

Medical certificate (Fit to fly)

"COVID-19-free" certificate (not more than 72 hours prior)

(*) The Thai insurance regulator has approved Covid-19 coverage for foreigners entering Thailand, including those from high-risk countries. To buy a policy, foreigners must have a certificate of entry, a Fit to Fly Health or Fit to Travel health certificate, and a medical certificate confirming they tested free of Covid-19 via the RT-PCR method 72 hours prior to departure. [Click here](#) for TGIA COVID 19 insurance information – available for ages 1 to 99.

★ IMMIGRATION ANNOUNCES AMNESTY IS ENDED AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2020

Announcement

Aliens must submit an application for extension of temporary stay **within October 31, 2020.**

- Late applicants will be **fin**ed as prescribed by the law.
- An application for visa extension can be submitted at each local immigration office.
- Terms and conditions are as specified by the Immigration Bureau.
- Each permission will be initially granted for up to **60 days.**

All visa types will be effective from November 1, 2020.

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Immigration Bureau
www.immigration.go.th

Thai immigration authorities have announced that the visa amnesty for those whose permission to stay expired from March 26, 2020 must apply for an extension of stay. Fines will be imposed for each day of overstay (500 baht per day up to a maximum of 20,000) baht during the 90-day period following the end of the Amnesty. Previously to receive an extension, the applicant had to have a letter from their Embassy stating why they cannot depart Thailand. However, it appears under the new requirements if an Embassy letter is not available, the

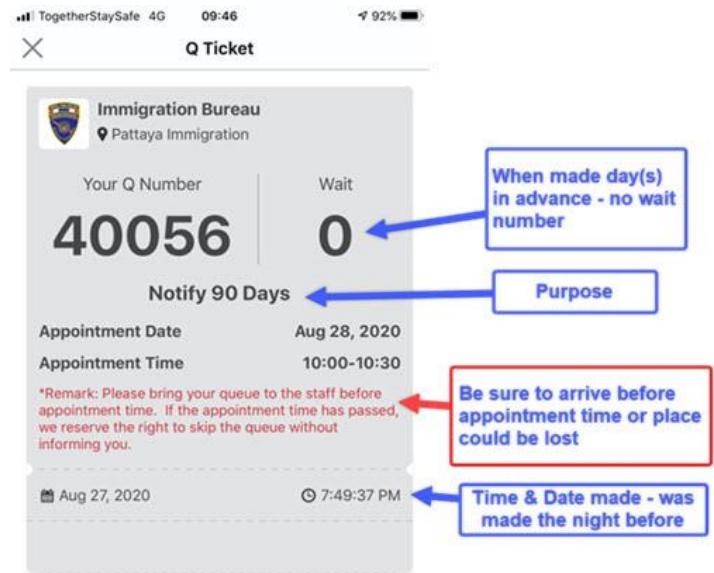
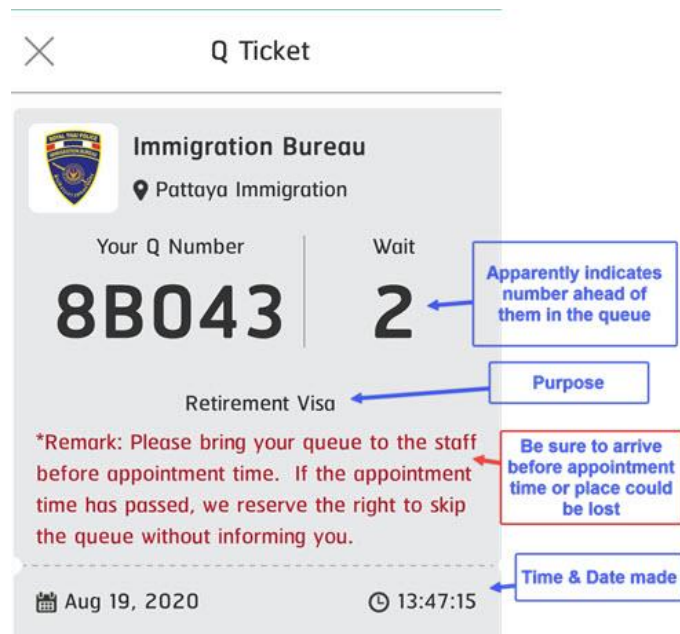
applicant can “self certify” why they cannot depart. Each application will be handled on a case by case basis.

[Click here](#) for Pattaya Mail Article. [Click here](#) for The Thaiger article. [Click here](#) for the Pattaya News Article.

★ ONLINE QUEUE SYSTEM FOR JOMTIEN SOI 5 IMMIGRATION OFFICE



Pattaya Immigration is now offering an online queue system which was effective July 15, 2020 - [click here](#) to read an article in Pattaya Mail. Please note that the App which can be obtained from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play store (Android phone) is an apparent online platform that offers queue service to several companies. Our latest reports on use of the system is that it worked fine and was used to bypass the front information desk. When your number is called, show the display from his phone to show your queue number. One report, the individual made his appointment retirement extension just before entering the building. The other report, the individual made his appointment for the 90 day address reporting desk the night before. In the former case, the queue number display also indicated the number ahead of him in the queue (shown under “Wait”). Note the remarks section. If you are not present when your queue number is called, you can be skipped and thus have to obtain a new queue number upon arrival at Jomtien Immigration.



★ EXTENSION OF STAY FOR HOLDERS OF NON-IMMIGRANT O-A VISA – HEALTH INSURANCE

We have received a report (May 2020) from a person renewing their extension at Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration based on their underlying Non-Immigrant “O-A” Visa on health insurance requirement. His health insurance policy was from one of the Thai companies listed on the TGIA website (URL: <https://longstay.tgia.org/home/companiesoa>). His insurance company furnished him with a letter for Immigration. He had to modify his policy so that his coverage coincided with his Immigration Extension Renewal Date.

We received another report (17 June) confirming the Chonburi Immigration requires proof of health insurance for those whose initial extension was based on the “OA” Visa. The coverage of 400,000 inpatient & 40,000 outpatient must be supported by a letter from one of the TGIA listed companies. Immigration furnished him with a listing of the 12 companies currently acceptable. [Click here](#) to view list.

In his case he had a policy from Aetna which is one of the listed companies, but they insisted he obtain a confirmation letter before they would approve his extension. However, his policy while having much greater inpatient coverage did not have outpatient coverage. Based on his contact with Aetna, in order to get outpatient coverage, he had to cancel his current policy and obtain a new one adding 40,000 baht outpatient coverage and to change the effective coverage period to coincide with his extension period.

At the time he obtained his original policy, he did not have any preexisting conditions. However, since he has had the policy, he has had treatment for some conditions which he advises Aetna has excluded outpatient coverage for those items, but they are still covered for inpatient care. He is currently awaiting Aetna Headquarters review and approval. For those that may be interested, he did pass on some information about Aetna’s policy to meet “long stay” (OA Visa) requirements, noting Aetna states they have coverage for those up to age 90 – but the premiums are quite high and go up with age. [Click here](#) for the Aetna information (this is not an endorsement of their policies).

This individual advises on June 25 that the Aetna representative told him he should have his “new” policy begin the day before (July 3) his extension renewal would take effect. When he did get his extension this past week, Immigration, instead of extending it to July 4 as usual, Immigration reduced it by one day to July 3, 2021 to coincide with the health insurance cover period.

[Note: There is no requirement for health insurance if your retirement extension is based on an underlying Non-Immigrant “O” Visa]

★ YOU WILL NEED BANK BOOK SHOWING ACTIVITY FOR PRECEDING 12 MONTHS IF YOU USED 800,000 BAHT IN BANK FOR YOUR LAST RETIREMENT EXTENSION

In March 2019, Thai Immigration changed the rules for those using 800,000 baht in Thai bank to meet financial requirements for a retirement extension. These rules required that the 800,000 be on deposit 2 months before and 3 months after the application. At all other times, the balance cannot fall below 400,000. For those that renewed under those new rules, they must show in the next renewal that they met those requirements by showing their bank book activity since their previous renewal. We have recently updated our checklist for those using the 800,000 baht in a Thai Bank to add this item to the list of documents needed.

Note: Note, we have received reports that if your bank book has not been updated on a regular basis and shows some “combined” (net) entries, it will not be acceptable. A very recent report was the individual had to obtain certified statements from his bank for the preceding 12 months.

★ CODING BY THAI BANK OF SOURCE OF US INTERNATIONAL DIRECT DEPOSITS (IDDs)

Information for those that are using the monthly income method for meeting Immigration rules for Retirement or Married/Related to a Thai extension of stay. If you have your US Government pension sent to your Thai bank through the IDD system, it will be coded as being as a BAHTNET transaction. This means the funds were initially transferred from the source to the deposit account they have with the [Bank of Thailand's Bahtnet system](#). The Bank of Thailand then distributes the funds to your receiving bank account.

We received a report from a person that uses Bangkok Bank. He noted that his bank could provide their internal “credit advice” which showing it is a foreign transfer to his account. Since Bangkok Bank uses the “credit advice” as the source information for preparation of their Bank Letter listing foreign deposits to Immigration, they should include these IDD deposits as being foreign transfers. Other banks probably have similar records.

If using IDD for your US Government pension, you may wish to follow up with your bank to verify they have such records for each deposit and will include them as foreign source transfers when preparing the letter for Immigration.

★ IMMIGRATION CHANGES TM.30 ADDRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

[Click here](#) for our website information on address reporting requirements.

Although Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration has for some time not required the TM.30 address report be made if returning to the same address, Thai Immigration Headquarters has now changed the rules to make it official ([click here](#) for more information on [Thaivisa.com](#)).

2.2 After the house holder, owner or possessor of the premise of hotel manager has reported as defined in Article 2.1, the same alien has left the premise and returned for another stay within the valid period, the house holder, owner or possessor of the premise of hotel manager do not need to make another report; The alien as defined in paragraph one shall include those who being granted multiple-visa who leaves and returns to the Kingdom with specified time in the visa, and those with re-entry permit.

★ TM.28 FORM NO LONGER REQUIRED EXCEPT FOR A CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Thai Immigration has done away with the requirement to file Form TM.28 - FORM FOR ALIENS TO NOTIFY THEIR CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR THEIR STAY IN THE PROVINCE FOR OVER 24 HOURS in all cases EXCEPT to report a change of address (move to a new residence from one that has previously been reported).

Please note, this IS NOT the same as the TM.30 Form - NOTIFICATION FROM FOR HOUSE-MASTER, OWNER OR THE POSSESSOR OF THE RESIDENCE WHERE ALIEN HAS STAYED which is required to be filed within 24 hours by the property owner/possessor.

[Click here](#) to read an article about this change ([Immigration Website with the new rule](#)). The article includes the following: *The reality was TM28, which is listed under section 37 of the Immigration Act and has been a requirement since 1979, was seldom enforced by Thai immigration and hardly ever completed by foreigners after returning from an overnight stay elsewhere in Thailand. Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration HAS NOT been enforcing the TM.28 reporting requirements, usually requiring instead only the Form TM.30 report – Previous announcement above regarding TM.30 reporting.*