



THAILAND BOARD OF INVESTMENT



BOI facilitates Visa and Work Permit Services

**One Stop Service Center for
Visa and Work Permit**

The Office of the Board of Investment established the One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit on July 1, 1997, according to the Regulations of the Prime Minister's Office on the Establishment of One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit B.E. 2540 (1997). The center integrates the operations of three agencies, namely the Office of the Board of Investment, the Immigration Bureau, and the Department of Employment, to facilitate visa and work permit processing at a single location for high-potential foreigners or expert professionals in various fields who wish to live and work in Thailand. Additions of skilled and proficient personnel in response to market demand by incentivizing highly skilled professionals and experts from around the world to work in the country will strengthen the country's competitiveness, contributing to the faster development of future industries and services, driving Thailand toward a developed country via innovation and future technology.

The One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit under the Expatriate Service Division is responsible for providing foreigners with visa and work permit related services such as qualification verification, permission to extend stay in Thailand, and facilitation of entry of foreign experts, and so on. The center serves the following four categories of the targeted foreign nationals:



Foreign technicians or experts who come to work in the investment promoted activities



Foreigners with a Smart Visa



Foreign technicians or experts who come to study investment opportunities



Foreigners with a Long-Term Resident Visa (LTR Visa)



Foreign technicians or experts who come to work in the investment promoted activities

Foreigners who come to work in the investment promoted activities under Section 25 of the Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520 (1987), including their spouses and dependents, can use visa and work permit services by applying online via the Single Window for Visa and Work Permit system, making an appointment to apply for permission to stay in Thailand with the Immigration Bureau, applying for permission to work in Thailand with the Department of Employment and receiving a digital work permit through the system. The Single Window for Visa and Work Permit is a convenient, fast, and modern service channel designed to minimize the redundancy of applications while saving time and travel expenses.

This group of foreigners will receive a Non-Immigrant Visa Category **"B"** for business and work, or Category **"IB"** for investment and business according to the law on investment promotion. When applying to extend their stay in Thailand, they will be allowed to live and work for 1-4 years at a time, depending on the type of investment promoted activities they engage in.

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Foreign technicians or experts who come to study investment opportunities

Foreigners entering Thailand temporarily under Section 24 of the Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520 (1987) for the following purposes may apply for a visa and work permit at the One Stop Service for Visa and Work Permit:

- **Study investment opportunities**
- **Conduct activities beneficial for investment**
- **Work on business activities under consideration for investment promotion, or in the process of obtaining an investment promotion certificate**
- **Work in a foreign chamber of commerce**

The foreigners will receive a Non-Immigrant Visa Category "B" for business and work, or category "IB" for investment and business according to the law on investment promotion, for which they will obtain permission to stay for 6 months - 1 year at a time. However, the dependents of these foreigners will not be entitled to the visas.

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Highly skilled professionals with a Smart Visa

A Smart Visa is a special type of visa designed to attract highly skilled professionals and investors who wish to come to work or invest in the country's target industries. The target groups are:

Talents/Highly Skilled Professionals	SMART	T
Investors	SMART	I
Senior executives	SMART	E
Startup entrepreneurs	SMART	S
Legitimate spouse and children	SMART	O

The foreigners will receive a Non-Immigrant SMART Visa, with permission to stay for 6 months - 4 years at a time, depending on the type of the SMART Visa. Other additional privileges include:



No requirement for a work permit to work in the specified agencies. The accompanying spouse is also granted permission to work with no work permit.



Report to the Immigration Bureau once a year (previously once every 90 days)



Entitled to access a fast-track service to enter and exit the Kingdom at international airports where available

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Foreigners with a Long-Term Resident Visa (LTR Visa)

A Long-Term Resident Visa is a special visa for stay in Thailand under a measure to stimulate the economy and investment by attracting high-potential foreigners to Thailand. The goal is to attract foreigners to stay and work in Thailand, to help drive the economy and the country's targeted industries in the long run. The targeted groups are:



Wealthy Global Citizens



Wealthy Pensioners



Work-From-Thailand Professionals



Highly Skilled Professionals



Up to four dependents who are legitimate spouses and children

The foreigners who are entitled to a Non-Immigrant Visa LTR will be provided with benefits for long-term living in Thailand and the following additional privileges:

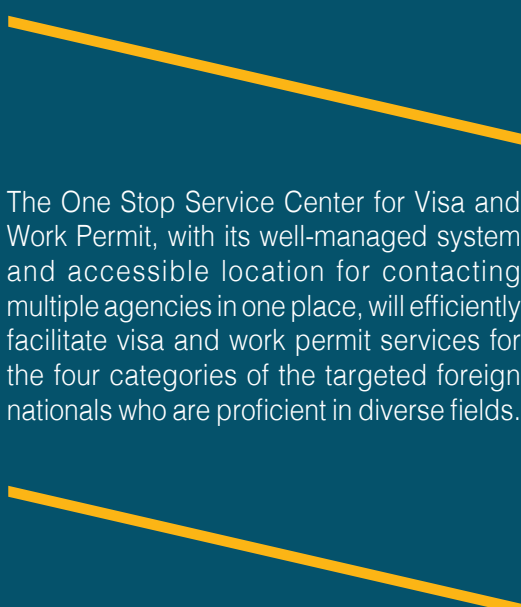
- Renewable 10-year visa
- Exemption from the employment requirement ratio of 4 Thai employees to one foreign national
- Entitled to access a fast track service to enter and exit the Kingdom at international airports where available
- Report to the Immigration Bureau once a year (previously once every 90 days)
- Permission to work in Thailand (with a digital work permit)
- Reduced personal income tax to 17% for highly skilled professionals.

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The One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit, with its well-managed system and accessible location for contacting multiple agencies in one place, will efficiently facilitate visa and work permit services for the four categories of the targeted foreign nationals who are proficient in diverse fields.



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