

# Thailand: An Investment Destination for Services Businesses

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## Introduction to the BOI

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## Introduction to Thailand Board Of Investment

#### **About BOI**



Information and advice on establishing operations in **Thailand** 



Coordinate between the foreign business community and other public agencies



**Business Support** Services for Investors: incentives, sourcing, and SMEs' competitiveness development

**BOI Investment Promotion Measures** 

**Incentives** 

- **Policy** 
  - 100% foreign ownership
  - No local content requirements
  - No export requirements
  - No restriction on foreign currency



- Land ownership
- Work permit & visa facilitation

#### **OVERSEAS OFFICES**



- Exemption of import duties on machinery
- Exemption of import duties on raw or essential materials imported for export
- Exemption of import duties on goods imported for R&D
- Corporate income tax exemption up to 13 years
- 50% CIT reduction 5 years



## **BOI Investment Incentive Scheme**

#### **Standard Incentives**

### Activity-Based









≤ 8 years CIT exemption

### Technology-Based

- Targeted Core Technologies -











Bio-**Technology** 

Digital Technology

Nano-Technology

Advanced Material **Technology** 

10 years CIT exemption



#### Merit-Based

- Research & Development (R&D)
- Support academic / research institutes, or technology and human resource development fund
- IP licensing fee
- Advanced technology training
- Development of local suppliers
- Product and packaging design

#### Area-Based

- EEC 3 provinces
- SEZ 10 provinces
- Southern border provinces
- 20 provinces with lowest income
- Industrial Estates/Zones
- Science and Technology Parks (TSP, Food Innopolis, Space Krenovation Park, AIT, TISTR)

#### Agenda-based

- Investment Stimulation Measure
- Productivity Enhancement Measure
- Measures to support Grassroots Economy Development





year

## **BOI's Basic Incentive Packages**

			Exemption CIT	Exemption Import duties on machinery	Exemption Import duties on raw materials	Non-tax incentives
5	Section 8	Technology and Innovation Development includes targeted core technology development	10 + Merit years no cap	✓	✓	✓
	A1	Knowledge-based activities focusing on R&D and design to enhance the country's competitiveness	8 + Merit years no cap	✓	✓	✓
	A2	Infrastructure activities for the country's development, activities using technology to create value-added, with no or very existing investments in Thailand	8 years + Merit	✓	✓	✓
	A3	High technology activities which are important to the development of the country, with a few investments already existing in Thailand	5 years + Merit	✓	✓	✓
	Α4	Activities with lower technology than A1-A3 but which add value to domestic resources and strengthen the supply chain	3 years + Merit	✓	✓	✓
	B1	Supporting industry that does not use high technology, but is still important to the value chain	+ Merit	✓	✓	✓
	B2	Supporting industry that does not use high technology, but is still important to the value chain	<b>–</b> years	=	✓	✓

Incentives are based on several key factors including level of technology, role in supply chain, and location.





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## BOI Incentives for Service Business in Thailand



#### **International Procurement Office: IPO**

Announcement of the Board of Investment No. Sor 1/2564

#### Scope of Services under IPO



The intermediary between the manufacturers and the suppliers



A company incorporated under Thai laws that purchases and sells raw materials, parts and components to manufacturers or distributors in Thailand and/or in overseas countries



NOT being Agents – No Commission Fee





## International Business Center (IBC)

Announcement of the Board of Investment No. Sor 6/2561

A company incorporated under Thai laws that provide services to its associated companies in overseas countries and/or in Thailand. (Providing services at least 1 country outside Thailand)

- Includes finished goods
- Selling in Thailand must be wholesale only
- Includes OUT-IN, IN-IN, IN-OUT, OUT-OUT

#### Scope of Services under IBC



administration, business planning and business coordination



2) Procurement of raw materials and components



3) Research and development



5) Marketing and sales promotion



7) Financial advisory services



9) Credit management and control



11) International trade





4) Technical support



6) Personnel management and training



8) Economic and investment analysis and research



10) Treasury Center (TC)



12) Any other services announced by the Revenue Department

## Conditions for International Business Center (IBC)



- 1. Must have no less than 10 million baht paid-up registered capital (before issuing BOI certificate).
- 2. Must employ at least 10 skilled and knowledgeable staff for IBC (5 skilled and knowledgeable staff must be employed if providing Treasury Center only).
- 3. In case of operating International Trade Business, at least activities 1-10 (in the previous slide) must be involved.
- 4. Not eligible for import duty exemption on raw material or essential materials.
- 5. Not eligible for additional merit-based privileges.

## Overview of Trade and Investment Support Office (TISO)



## International Distribution Centers and Distribution Centers

7.4.2

#### **International Distribution Centers (IDC)**

#### **Conditions**

- Paid-up registered capital must not be less than 10 million baht
- Must provide a goods storage facility that is controlled by a modern computerized system.
- Must have a minimum investment of at least 100 million baht (excluding the cost of land & working capital)
- Center must distribute to at least 5 countries

#### Group A3

- 5-Year CIT Exemption
- Exemption of import duty on machinery
- Other non-tax incentives

7.4.1

#### **Distribution Centers (DC)**

#### **Conditions**

- Paid-up registered capital must not be less than 10 million baht
- Must provide a goods storage facility that is controlled by a modern computerized system.
- Distribution Centers are not eligible for merit-based incentives

#### **Group B1**

Exemption of import duty on machinery
Other non-tax incentives



# Investment Incentives to Support Thailand in Becoming a Major Logistics Hub

Activities	Group	CIT Exemption	Exemption of import duties on machinery	Exemption of import duties on raw materials used in production for export	Non-Tax Incentives
Rail Transport	A2	8-Years CIT exemption	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
Maritime Transportation Services	A2	8-Years CIT exemption	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
Air Transportation Services	А3	5-Years CIT exemption	✓	✓	✓
Pipeline Transportation (except for water pipeline)	B1	Not eligible for CIT exemption	<b>√</b>	✓	✓



## **BOI Supporting Services**

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## High Skill Workforce Development Platform

BOI-promoted enterprises identify workforce demands



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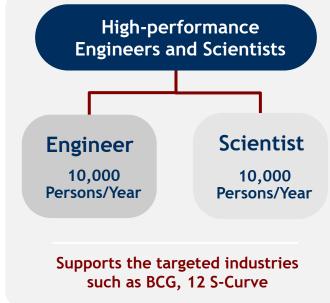
The Council of Engineering
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Thailand

(66 higher education institutions)



- 1.Upskill & Reskill
- 2.Co-creation (CWIE/ Sandbox)
- 3.Industrial Training
  Center (ITC)















#### Impact:

- High performance manpower > 20,000 persons/year, Support investment > 70,000 million bath/year
- Increase productivity of workforce by 10% for higher education workforce. (~500,000 persons/year)



## Smart Visa and Long-Term Resident Visa

Smart Visa: Taking Thailand to New Heights with Foreign Talent and Technology



## Privileges for the **SMART**









Maximum 4-year Visa \*Except Smart S

Permission to work with no work permit required

required

No re-entry Fast Track Service at International **Airports** 

#### Long-term Resident Visa: New type of visa to attract 4 targeted groups











10-year visa & permission to work in **Thailand** 



Spouse & children under 20 included



Additional privileges: reduced personal income tax rate, right to own land



## One Start One Stop Investment Center (OSOS)



- Comprehensive information and advice on establishing operation in Thailand
- 1-Stop for visas & work permits in 3 hours
- Easing & speeding procedures for new investors
- Database of useful contacts: public & private organizations
- Other applications for investors



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