



UK Visas
& Immigration

Applying for a UK Visitor's Visa

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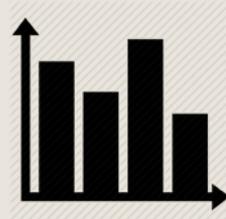
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The UK's visa service in Thailand



93%

of all non-settlement visa applications are successful



+71,000

Non-settlement visas issued, 8% increase yoy



4 days

Average processing time for visit visas last year

The UK's visa service

The UK offers Thailand a world class visa service including:

- ✓ A wide range of premium services for visitors
- ✓ Long term visit visa options including two, five and ten year visas
- ✓ 2 Visa Application Centres in Bangkok and Chiang Mai

Please visit www.gov.uk/ukvi for more info



What do applicants need to apply for a visit visa?

Passport

- A valid passport with two spare back to back pages

Funds

- Personal funds to cover reasonable costs, or evidence that a sponsor (a relative or an employer) can and will provide support

Travel Plans

- Plans of where they are planning to stay and the purpose of their visit through supporting documentation



Visa application process

1. Complete on-line form, pay on-line and make appointment at a Visa Application Centre (VAC)
2. At the VAC submit documents and give biometric data
3. Documents are sent to the visa hub. Further checks made before entry clearance officer gives a decision
4. A decision is made and passport is returned



Visitor Visas

We have simplified the immigration rules for people visiting the UK. These changes make the system more user friendly and flexible for applicants.

There are now just four visitor routes:

- Visit (standard)
- Visit (marriage & civil partnerships)
- Visit (permitted paid engagements)
- Visit (transit)

Further information is available at

www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa



Standard visitor visas

Visitors can come to the UK :

- ✓ For leisure, a holiday, see friends or family
- ✓ For sports or creative events
- ✓ For private medical treatment
- ✓ For business-related activities mentioned in our visitor rules.
- ✓ For study up to 30 days, as long as it's not the main reason for your visit
- ✓ To take part in an exchange programme or educational visit – as long as you're under 18.

Visitors are not allowed to:

- ✗ Do paid or unpaid work.
- ✗ Live in the UK for long periods of time through frequent visits.
- ✗ Marry or register a civil partnership, or give notice of marriage or civil partnership.
- ✗ Get public funds.



*Frequent traveller?
Consider 2, 5 or 10 year
visit visa.*

Standard visitor visas - eligibility

To be eligible for a visitor visa you must show that:

- ✓ You'll leave the UK at the end of your visit
- ✓ You're able to support yourself and any dependents for the duration of your trip
- ✓ You're able to pay for your return or onward journey and costs relating to your visit.
- ✓ Any business or other activities you want to do in the UK is permitted in the rules.

To be eligible for a long-term visitor visa you must show that:

- ✓ You have a frequent and ongoing need to come to the UK.
- ✓ The reason why you need to come to the UK is unlikely to change while your visitor visa is valid.
- ✓ You plan to leave the UK at the end of each visit.
- ** Other conditions apply for academic visitors and those applying to visit for private medical treatment

VFS premium services



Priority Service customers can get a decision within 3-5 days and all visitors, study and most work applicants can use it.



The Super Priority Visa Service guarantees a 24 hour visa decision and is open to all visit, study and work applicants in Bangkok



Keep my passport when applying service makes it easier for travellers to apply for 2 visas at the same time, by returning an applicant's passport once they have applied for their visa



'Walk in' appointments allow you to submit your application at a time convenient to you



Premium Lounges offer customers a separate lounge and a faster service to submit documents and biometrics. Customers also receive a courier service and SMS service free of charge.

VFS user-pay services

SMS service: Helps you keep track of the status of your application

Form Filling Assistance: Provides customers with assistance in filling out the visa application form online.

Certification: This service enables customers to keep hold of their original documents.

On Demand Mobile Visa: Individuals or groups can enrol biometrics and submit their visa applications at the office or at home.



For more information - www.vfsglobal.co.uk/thailand

Helpful tips

- **Apply early:** UKVI can post date visas by up to three months to encourage applicants to apply in advance
- **Prepare applications thoroughly:** it is important that the information provided is accurate and properly documented
- **Ensure your travel dates are correct:** the visa will be issued from the date stated the applicant will enter the UK. Make sure this date is correct.
- **Check the visa:** once it has been issued for any errors. If UKVI has made a mistake, we will rectify the error

Useful websites to refer to

- To apply for a UK visa - www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa
- For guidance on the visitor rules - www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa
- For information on Visa Application Centre locations and premium services – www.vfsglobal.co.uk/thailand
- To contact UKVI for advice on an application - www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-outside-uk



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