

Application for temporary stay in the Kingdom in case of being a foreign husband supporting a Thai wife.

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Rules and conditions:

1. A foreigner married to a Thai citizen can request for extension of temporary stay in the Kingdom with the reason to provide support and maintenance for his Thai wife.

You can apply when you are legally married to a Thai national and have permanent employment or other effective income to support your wife.

2. You have to apply for a **Non-Immigrant Visa Type "O"** before you enter Thailand. (Do only apply for single-journey, not multiple entry visa. The later will be waste of money).

As for all Non-Immigrant Visas you must apply for the visa at the Thai Embassy or consulate located in your original country or any other country outside Thailand. You can't apply after arrival to the Kingdom.

3. When you enter into Thailand the Immigration Officer at the border point where you enter will put a seal on your visa to approve a 90 days stay. Two weeks before this seal expires you must submit your request for extension of your temporary stay in the Kingdom for another 365 days / 1 year at any Immigration Office in Thailand.

Needed Documentary Evidence for Consideration of Approval:

(Notice that **all** documents mentioned in # 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 must be submitted in **Original + 2 signed photo copies**).

1. Two applications for extension of temporary stay in the Kingdom (T.M.7).
(Can be downloaded here: <http://www.thaiimmigration.com/apf/TM7.doc>)
2. Two photographs 4x6 cm. taken not more than 6 months before date of application.
(Photographs taken from a digital camera and printed out via computer are strictly prohibited. You must be dressed up politely without hat, cap or sunglasses).
3. Your valid passport.
4. Marriage Certificate.

If registered abroad and the marriage certificate is recorded in a foreign language, you must have the marriage certificate translated and certified at your Embassy. After that you must have the Ministry of Foreign Affairs located at Jaeng Wattana, Laksi, Bangkok legitimate the Thai Translation.

(The foreign Embassies in Bangkok are used to this work, and if you got any questions in this regard they can surely assist you).

If you have been married in Thailand, we also request you to enclose the Letter of Certificate issued by your Embassy at the time of your wedding stating your previous marital status.

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5. Birth Certificate of children (if any). If your children were born abroad, you must follow the same process as mentioned in #4.
6. The valid ID card of the Thai wife. If it's a temporary ID card or a replacement ID card (yellow card), her photo with signature must be attached together with the official seal.
7. The House Registration of the Thai wife and your children (if any).

In case of being 50 years or older:

8. Documentary evidence describing your finances:
(Please also see "Description of needed Financial Evidence").
 - 8.1. Bank or saving account in a bank in Thailand. You must have the bank issuing you a letter of confirmation certifying such an account.
 - 8.2. Statement showing current balance of and money transfers from abroad to the said bank/saving account. The statement must be dated not earlier than 10 days before it's submitted to Immigration.
 - 8.3. Letter of certification issued by your Embassy in Thailand, stating that you have a permanent income from pension or security money in your home country.

In case of being below 50 years old:

9. In case of being in working age (not reached the age of 50), evidence of employment must be submitted:
 - 9.1. In case of working abroad, you must submit evidence of your employment and your financial sources. This evidence has to be certified by your Embassy.
 - 9.2. In case of being employed in Thailand:
 - Work permit
 - Letter of Certification of Employment
 - 9.3. In case of the first year application for temporary stay in the Kingdom and not having an employment, you can be approved for a 9 months stay first with the condition that at the time of next application you must have an employment. In case of no employment you will be interrogated thoroughly how you can support yourself and your wife, what sources of finance you got and why.

Detailed description of needed Financial Evidence:

(Notice that **all** documents mentioned must be submitted in **Original + 2 signed photocopies**).

In case of sole bank deposit

1. Bank Statement from a Thai Bank showing a deposit of not less than 200.000 THB* .
2. Letter of Certification from the Bank confirming existence of the account and certifying the deposit.

In case of sole permanent income (pension or security money)

3. Letter of Certification from your Embassy in Thailand certifying that you have a permanent income of not less than 20.000 THB** a month.
4. Bank Statement from a Thai Bank showing regular overseas transfers of an efficient amount (not less than 20.000 THB** a month) to a saving account in Thailand.
5. Letter of Certification from the Bank in Thailand certifying the existence of the account, the overseas transfers, and the current balance of the account.

In case of a combination of bank deposit and permanent income

6. All documents mentioned in # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 together showing a total of not less than 200.000 THB* a year.
7. Letter of Authorization giving your consent that the Immigration Officer is allowed to check the current balance of your bank account at any time.

***/** After 9th July 2004 the Financial amounts will be not less than 400.000 THB a year / 40.000 THB a month for new applicants.**

Remarks:

1. The applicant must submit the application **in person accompanied by his wife**.
2. The applicant must present all original certifications + 2 photo copies of each, with signature of both the applicant and his wife, **before** submitting the application, so that the Immigration Officer can examine them beforehand.
3. At the time of **first application**, the Immigration Officer will inquire and record the statements of the applicant and his wife. This process takes about 1 – 2 hours. For the following years the Thai wife must accompany the applicant **every time** a new application is submitted.

Period of Approval:

1. Each approval is for not more than 365 days / 1 year.
2. For the first year it is approved for one year completely, **effective from the day the applicant entered Thailand**.
3. For the following years it will be approved for 1 year from expiry date to expiry date.
4. When it is due for the first year the applicant can apply for another extension of temporary stay in the Kingdom without having to leave Thailand.

Fees and Fines:

1. Fee for a 1-year single entry extension is 1.900 THB.
2. Fee for a 1-year multi entry extension is 3.800 THB.
3. Fine for overstay is 200,00 THB a day.

Power of Authorisation for approval of applications:

1. Power of Authorisation for approval of applications solely belongs to the Central Main Office of the Immigration Authorities in Bangkok.
2. At the time of first application, if all documents and evidence are completely provided, the time of processing will be approximately 45 days, and for the following times 30 days.
3. The applicant must contact the same Immigration Office again in person until the application is permitted. (You can't change Immigration Office during the process).

How to act after submitting the application:

1. After submitting the application the applicant has to wait for the result of his application according to the due date the Immigration Officer gives him.
2. The Immigration Officer will put a seal (stamp) with the expected date for the appearance of the result of the application in the applicant's passport.
3. When you receive your passport back from the Immigration Officer at the time of handing in your application, you should carefully check it and notice the date stamp with the expected arrival date of the answer to your application. Also notice the content of the notification slips, which you have to follow strictly. (It is regarded that the Immigration Officer already has explained everything to you). If you have any questions or doubts, you should ask the Immigration Officer at this stage.
4. You have to come for the answer to your application on the **exact date** mentioned in the stamp in your passport. If you cannot attend in person, you can send a representative carrying your passport.
5. In case the result of your application hasn't arrived on the due date mentioned in the stamp in your passport, the Immigration officer will put a new stamp with a new date in your passport.
6. In case you have to go abroad **while** your application is under process; you must apply for a re-entry visa to reserve your rights before you leave the Kingdom. And you must be back in the Kingdom within the due date mentioned on the stamp in your passport. If you fail to get a re-entry visa or do not return to the Kingdom within the due date all your rights are lost. Then you will have to go out of the Kingdom and apply for at Non-Immigrant Visa "O"; come back into the Kingdom; and then start the whole procedure all over again.
7. In case you want to go abroad **after** you application has been approved, you must make sure to apply for a re-entry visa first. If you fail to do that all your rights are lost and you have to start over as mentioned in # 6.

The 90-days stay Notification

1. The Immigration Officer will put a notification slip about the 90-days stay in your passport, both if your approval of your application is still pending or if it has already been approved. You will have to notify your stay to the Immigration every 90 days on the due date the Immigration Officer gives you. You can ask the Officer for the Notification Form, T.M.47, or you can download one here:
<http://www.thaiimmigration.com/apf/TM47.doc>
2. To write your address on the application form T.M.7 doesn't mean that you have notified your accommodation according to Thailand's Law on Immigration Section 37, Unit 5.
3. You have duty to notify your stay for every 90 days, even though you are approved to stay in the Kingdom for a whole year.
4. The fine for not complying with this rule is 5000,00 THB.
5. For more details about this rule see:
<http://www.thaiimmigration.com/inv/index.php?showtopic=4>

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