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### **EMBASSY “INCOME” LETTERS WILL BE VALID AT** **THAI IMMIGRATION SO LONG AS THEY ARE NOT** **MORE THAN 6 MONTHS OLD**

We had previously advised in the Newsletter and on the website that Thai Immigration was advising Expats using an Embassy “income” letter renewing at Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration that it would need to be no more than 15 days old (accepting older letters, but saying “next time no more than 15 days”).

We have just received information that Immigration has revised this policy and will be accepting such letters if they are not more than 6 months old. It is our understanding that the Thai Department of Immigration had decided to change the validity period of income verification letters to a uniform standard of 15 days nationwide. This was announced internally within the Department of Immigration on April 22 of this year. Because the US and several other Embassies raised concerns about the difficulties this would cause for retirees in Thailand, the Department of Immigration responded by revising the April 22nd instructions by letter signed by the Deputy Commissioner of Immigration on May 29, 2013. The revision states that income verification letters will be valid up to six months. Immigration Offices should already be aware of this most recent change, but you may print a copy of the Thai letter to have with you if you wish.

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(แบบทำหนังสือ สดม.ด่วนที่สุด ที่ ๐๐๒๙.๑๗๑/ว๒๒๕๔ ลง ๒๙ พ.ค.๒๕๕๖)

กรณีคนต่างด้าวขอยู่ต่อๆ ประเภทอื่น ๆ นอกเหนือจากประเภทธุรกิจและกฎหมายพิเศษ (BOI)	
ประเด็นปัญหา	แนวทางปฏิบัติ
๑ กำหนดระยะเวลาการใช้หนังสือรับรองจากสถานทูตที่ใช้ประกอบรายได้ของคนต่างด้าว	หนังสือรับรองจากสถานทูตที่ใช้ประกอบรายได้ของคนต่างด้าวจะต้องมีอายุไม่เกิน ๖ เดือน นับแต่วันออกหนังสือรับรอง

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Most Urgent

Memorandum

Official Thai Immigration  
#20029.171/ว 2248

Tel: 02-287-0814  
Dated: May 29, 2013

Subject: Practice for foreigners requesting permission to stay in Thailand temporarily

To: Thai Immigration Commissioner  
and Deputy Thai Immigration Commissioner

Also to be informed:

- Commander under Thai Immigration
- Deputy Commander, Information Technology Center of Thai Immigration

With reference to The Thai Immigration letter #0029-171/ว1712 dated April 22, 2013, the Immigration Bureau has issued the official practice for the foreigners requesting permission to stay in Thailand temporarily and enforced all the governmental units under the Thai Immigration to hold the same standard practice.

Because all the governmental units under the Thai Immigration are located at the local areas, there has been an ongoing issue when it comes to the foreigners abiding by the practice of requesting permission to stay in Thailand temporarily, which is in connection with the income verification letter used as their financial evidence. The Thai Immigration Bureau, thus, would like to enact the updated practice attached herewith.

Please consider the aforementioned practice and adhere to it from this day forward.

Pol. Maj. Gen Preecha  
Thimamontri  
Deputy Commissioner

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Practice for foreigners requesting permission to stay in Thailand temporarily (additional)  
(Enclosed herewith is the Thai Immigration letter #0029-171/ ๓1712 dated April 22,  
2013)

This practice is only applied to foreigners requesting permission to stay in Thailand temporarily, excluding Business type and the special law (BOI)

Case problem		The practice
1	The Validity period of an income verification letter which is issued by the embassy to foreigners to consideration for income of foreigners	The Validity period of an income verification letter which is issued by the embassy to foreigners should not exceed 6 months from the issuance date

Pol. Maj. Gen Preecha  
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