

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR OBTAINING OR RENEWING AN EXTENSION BASED ON RETIREMENT AT CHONBURI (PATTAYA) IMMIGRATION

The following document was provided to us by an Expat that received it from Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration in February 2016. Over the past 3 to 4 months, there have been differing requirements regarding the documentation needed for an Extension of stay based on retirement coming out of Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration. This document appears to be the current policy. But we have previously received conflicting reports from Expats on what they were required to have; hopefully, this document clarifies what is needed and will be consistently applied.

We are passing along the following observations while we continue to monitor reports on people's experiences.

Item 3 - In the past, they have requested a copy your passport pages that showed the last date you entered Thailand - we include this on our documents checklist and suggest you include a photocopy.

Item 4 - Bank Letter & Passbook - Although it states the bank letter should be no more than a week old, we have had a recent report the Immigration Officer said it should be no more than 3 days old -- we continue to suggest that it be obtained the day before or on Friday if applying on Monday. Also, we are aware of times when the Immigration Officer required a new letter because the balance on the bank letter differs from the balance in the bank passbook - we recommend that once you update your passbook at the time you get your bank letter so both balances will agree.

Item 4 - Combination method - We have received conflicting reports on whether the funds needed to be on deposit for the 2 month (initial application) or 3 month (renewal) requirements as when using the full 800,000 in the bank; this may be the result of different Immigration officers doing the processing and interpreting the rules incorrectly.

Item 5 - Local Thai address - We have received several conflicting reports on whether a photocopy of a Thai landlord's ID card and possibly their Housebook will be required. Our website section and documents checklist were recently updated to add this requirement based on the reports we received and our confirming the change with the Chief of the Chonburi Immigration Office. This document was received after that change; thus it could be that the requirement is no longer being imposed. If it appears that this document has changed the requirement, we will make the changes to our Website and checklist. As we get updated information, we will post it in the Immigration section of the Club's Announcements (<http://www.pattayacityexpatsclub.com/expats/docs/announcements.pdf>) and Newsletter.

DOCUMENT RECEIVED FROM CHONBURI (PATTAYA) IMMIGRATION FOLLOWS

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO EXTEND VISA FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN CASE OF OVER 50 YEARS OLD

1. Application form TM7 duly completed (fee. 1,900)
2. 2 4 X 6 cm photograph.
3. Passport and copy of ID page and current non-immigration visa. If you don't have a current non-immigrant visa, you can convert your tourist visa at the immigration bureau on a special form.
4. EITHER (a) Letter from a Thai bank, not more than one week old, certifying a balance of at least 800,000 baht, together with a Copy of your bank book showing the name page and transactions for the past three months. In the first year of the retirement visa, the 800,000 baht must have been in the bank for at last two months prior to application but, in subsequent years, the requirement is at least three months prior.
OR (b) Letter from your embassy showing pension or other income in your home country of at least 65,000 baht equivalent on a monthly basis.
OR (c) A combination of (a) and (b) above-that is income of less than 65,000 baht equivalent monthly with a complementary cash sum in the Thai bank. The total from both sources combined must be at least 800,000 baht. You will need a letter from both your bank and your embassy. Fund book not allowed.
5. A document showing your local Thai address-an official rent book or a letter headed receipt of rent paid, company papers or proof of ownership of a condominium or residence. The immigration officer will keep a photocopy of the document.
6. In the case of a married couple applying for retirement visas, a certified copy of the marriage certificate in English or Thai must be presented as part of the paperwork.
7. If a joint bank account is shown as part of the application process, a certified copy of the marriage certificate in English or Thai is required.
8. The application fee for a retirement visa is 1,900 baht. If needed, conversion from tourist visa to non immigration status is extra 2,000 baht,

เอกสารประกอบการพิจารณาขออยู่ต่อ กรณีอายุ 50 ปี ขึ้นไปขอใช้ชีวิตบั้นปลาย

1. ตม.7 ที่รูปถ่ายขนาด 4 x 6 ซม. (ค่าธรรมเนียม 1,900 บาท)
2. หนังสือเดินทาง พร้อมสำเนาหนังสือเดินทาง (ต้องมี VISA NON - IMMIGRANT)
3. หนังสือรับรองจากสถานทูตหรือสถานกงสุล เพื่อแสดงว่าเป็นผู้มีเงินได้ไม่น้อยกว่าเดือนละ 65,000 บาท
4. หนังสือรับรองเงินฝากจากธนาคารในประเทศไทยสำหรับปีแรก ต้องมีเงินฝากในบัญชีธนาคารล่วงหน้า 60 วัน ไม่น้อยกว่า 800,000 บาท สำหรับปีที่สองขึ้นไปต้องมีเงินฝากในบัญชีธนาคารล่วงหน้า 90 วัน พร้อมสำเนาบัญชีเงินฝาก หรือ
5. หลักฐานเงินได้ ตาม ข้อ 3 และเงินฝากตามข้อ 4 รวมกันได้ไม่น้อยกว่าเดือนละ 65,000 บาท
6. กรณีเงินฝากบัญชีธนาคารมีชื่อกรรยาร่วมอยู่ด้วยให้สำเนาทะเบียนสมรสและบัตรประจำตัวประชาชนกรรยาร่วมมาด้วย
7. กรณีไม่มีวีซ่า NON - IMMIGRANT สามารถเปลี่ยนที่ตรวจคนเข้าเมืองจังหวัดชลบุรีได้ โดยโชว์หนังสือรับรองเงินฝากบัญชีธนาคารในประเทศไทยไม่น้อยกว่า 800,000 บาท พร้อมสำเนาสมุดบัญชีธนาคาร ค่าธรรมเนียม 2,000 บาท
8. แนบสัญญาเช่าหรือสำเนาทะเบียนบ้าน กรณีที่บ้านเป็นของตนเอง