

Visit the PCEC's <u>Thai Visa & Immigration</u> website pages for information on entry and extension of stay in Thailand as well as address reporting requirements. The information presented here relates to requirements or practices of at the Chonburi (Pattaya) Immigration Office which may not yet be included on the PCEC's website.

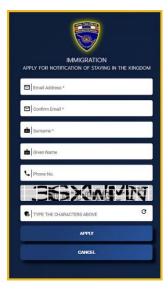
## AVOID THE LONG LINE IF DOING YOUR 90 DAY ADDRESS REPORTING AT CHONBURI (PATTAYA) IMMIGRATION



If you are going to do your 90 day address report, <u>DO NOT GET</u> in the long line of people waiting to enter the building. Just inside the main entrance to the parking area on the right-hand side there is a separate small tent and desk with a large sign 90-day report / tm30. Hand in your passport there and it will be taken inside and returned by an Immigration Officer. A "number card" is given when handed out and will be called out

to pick up your passport when it is ready.

### \*\*NEW ONLINE SYSTEM FOR 90 DAY ADDRESS REPORTING



Thai Immigration has implemented a new online system for making 90 day reports. This system requires a person submit information and obtain a "password" to make the report. The latest reports we have is that obtaining a password is working and most reports are that reports are being processed, but in some cases the report is not accepted and the person is advised to visit their Immigration Office.

<u>Click here</u> for the Immigration site for obtaining a password. We will appreciate reports from those using the new system as to their experience. Please provide your report to <u>darrel-pcec@inbox.com</u> or info@pcec.club.

### **OBTAINING AN EXTENSION OF STAY AFTER ENTERING WITH AN e-VISA**

A recent article in the Pattaya Mail notes that In the past, all such visas were stamped into the passport by the embassy in the country of departure. Later, this system was replaced by a vignette or sticker which the applicant placed in his or her passport. But this system has now also been replaced by a new e-visa which is sent to applicants in a detailed email prior to flying to Thailand. This email should be retained after arrival in Thailand. A copy is required by the immigration bureau if and when a foreigner applies for an extension of stay. Click here to read the article.

### IMMIGRATION ORDER ALLOWING EXTENSIONS OF STAY UNTIL 25 JANUARY 2022

The "COVID" extension for 60 days has again been continued by Thai Immigration. Applications for this extension of stay if submitted by 25 January 2022 can be approved for an additional 60 day stay. Click here for the Pattaya Mail article.

### TRAVELERS CAN SOON ENTER THAILAND BY SEA AND LAND

The north-eastern province of Nong Khai, bordering the Lao PDR, will be the first overland entry point to reopen on December 24th. <u>Click here</u> for the Thai PBS article.

### REPORT ABOUT A FAKE THAILAND PASS URL

AseanNow reports that there is a website that may be confused with the Thailand Pass online portal. The correct portal is: <a href="https://tp.consular.go.th/">https://tp.consular.go.th/</a>. The other appears to be a commercial type website set up to earn revenue from bookings at SHA+ and ASQ hotels – it's URL is thailandpass.org/.

### QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING THAILAND & REPLACEMENT OF COE WITH THAILAND PASS

UPDATE: To reduce the instances of the Omicron Variant of Covid-19, the Thai government has modified entry requirements and what is now needed to obtain the Thailand Pass. <u>Click here</u> for the Tourism Authority of Thailand's latest information on the new requirements.

Thailand is opening Thailand to foreigners beginning 1 November including reducing quarantine requirements for fully vaccinated travelers from 46 countries. Those not fully vaccinated can enter Thailand, but will have to quarantine

# 7 conditions for entering Thailand quarantine-free

- Foreign visitors must arrive by air and come from a list of "low-risk" countries approved by the Public Health Ministry
- 2 Have proof of vaccination with 2 doses of a recognised Covid-19 vaccine
- Have a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of departure from your home country
- Have at least US\$50,000 in Covid-19 insurance coverage
- 5 Have proof of a hotel booking
- Travellers must download the Mor Chana app and take a second PCR test on arrival or within 24 hours of arrival
- 7 If the second test is negative, visitors can continue their journey without any further quarantine

## List of 46 countries and conditions (source The Pattaya News)

Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia,

Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, UK, USA, and Hong Kong.

Must have been in the approved countries for 21 days or more. Transit/transfer from the approved counties is not allowed. For returning Thais and foreign residents, it is not necessary to be in an approved country for 21 days or more, as long as they are travelling from Thailand to the approved country/s and return within the last 21 days.

#### THAILAND PASS REPLACES CERTIFICATE OF ENTRY



Thailand is also replacing the Certificate of Entry (COE) system with a new one called the "Thailand Pass" which is planned to be effective on 1 November 2021.

Click here for the Pattaya Mail article.





# Vaccinated Traveler from Eligible Country

UPDATE – To prevent the Omicron Variant, Thailand Pass as of midnight December 21<sup>st</sup> only accept new applicants seeking to enter Thailand under Alternative Quarantine (AQ) or the Phuket Sandbox. Click here for The Pattaya News article.



# **Unvaccinated Traveler**



The Thai Cabinet has approved a one-year extension of the 'special tourist visa' (STV) scheme for long-staying visitors until 30 September, 2022.

<u>Click here</u> for the Pattaya Mail article. <u>Click here</u> for the article in Manager Online (in Thai) or <u>click here</u> for the English translation on Asean Now.

PATTAYA MMIGRATION – LEGALIZATION OF MARRIAGE LICENSE IF FOREIGN SPOUSE IS OBTAINING A LONG STAY EXTENSION BASED ON THEIR SPOUSE'S RETIREMENT EXTENSION

Darren McGarry from Key Visa in his recent presentation to the Club mentioned that Pattaya Immigration is now requiring "legalization" of the marriage license when a spouse is applying for a long stay extension on the basis of their spouse's retirement extension. We have seen other recent reports that the marriage license will not be accepted unless the person's Embassy has certified the document and it has also been stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Legal Department in Bangkok. Click here for information regarding MFA "legalization" of documents.

In the case of a marriage license from the UK, per Darren and the reports received, the process is to have the document "legalized" by the UK Government, then by the Thai Embassy in London, and then by the MFA in Bangkok. We suggest you start the process so you have ample time before your extension renewal date to complete the process.

Currently, this the only information we have.

NOTE: If you are in this situation and not from the UK, you may wish to start now in determining what may be required if from a country other than the UK. We suggest you contact your Embassy as to whether they will certify the marriage license so you can then take it to the MFA for "legalization" or if your country has a similar arrangement with their Thai Embassy. For US Citizens, any Government certification will depend on the State which issued the marriage license. We will appreciate receiving any information on the process that you can share with your fellow Expats.