

## General information for Non-Thai nationals

Visa information on this page is designed for NON-THAI nationals.

If you are planning to obtain a Japanese visa in Thailand, please take your time and read following information carefully.

### **1. Exemption of visas**

Some countries have Visa exemption arrangements with Japan. Nationals from those countries do NOT need to apply a visa for a temporary visit without employment in Japan.

Please check the list of countries and regions that have visa exemption arrangements with Japan; [http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/)

However, if you are seeking for an employment or residence in Japan, above exemption does not apply. You must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (CEO) from an immigration office located in Japan before applying visa. Please visit Japanese Immigration website for more information; <http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/>

### **2. Conditions to make your application in Thailand**

In principle, you should have a legitimate long term residency in Thailand.

You are kindly requested to show us the following items;

- (1) Thai visa (Non – immigrant O, F, ED etc., rather than Tourist visa) on your passport
- (2) Thai re-entry permit valid for more than three months from the date of your application for Japanese visa
- (3) Thai working permit (for business person) or certificate of enrollment from your school in Thailand(for students)

Please note that some conditions differ from one nationality to another. If you come to Thailand only as a tourist and planning to apply for a Japanese visa at Embassy of Japan in Thailand, please contact the embassy directly by phone at 0-2207-8503, 0-2696-3003. If you are still in your home / residence country and planning to go to Japan via Thailand, we strongly recommend you to obtain a Japanese visa before departing the country.

### **3. The time required to have a result**

The average time required for necessary examination is five working days. On your day of application, we will hand you a receipt in exchange of your passport. Please find the date of the appointment to have your passport back on the receipt. Sometimes, additional documents or interview may also be required. In those cases, the embassy will inform you by phone and it may take more than indicated period. When the result is reached, JVAC will contact you. During the period, you can call JVAC or the Japan Embassy to check the progress (Please tell us the eight-digit barcode number on your receipt when you do so). In order to prevent any inconvenience from happening to your schedule, please make your application as early as possible.

#### **4. Documentations**

- (1) Your passport with more than 2 blank pages and with re-entry permit to Thailand. Please present your old passports as well, if any.
- (2) Application form is available at Japan Visa Application Centre (JVAC), or can be downloaded from the Embassy's website.
- (3) One photograph taken within the last 6 months. (The photo must be 2 x 2 inches, black and white or color, with plain background)
- (4) Questionnaire is available at Japan Visa Application Centre (JVAC), or can be downloaded from the Embassy's website.
- (5) Necessary documents other than above (1) – (4) are depended on the type of visa you are applying for. Please read information for each category carefully. If the documentations are insufficient or incomplete, we may not be able to accept your application.
- (6) Visa will not be granted if counterfeit / forged documents are submitted. However, the provision of satisfactory documentations does not guarantee the issuance of a visa.
- (7) We will keep all documents submitted to us. If certain original document need to be returned to you, please tell us so, and submit along with a photo copy of it.

#### **5. Visa fee**

Different fees apply to different nationalities. Some countries have visa fee exemption arrangement with Japan. Please contact the Embassy of Japan (0-2207-8503, 0-2696-3003) or Japan Visa Application Centre (02-251-5197/5198) for specific information. We receive the fee in cash (Thai baht only) on the day of applicant submission.

#### **6. Others**

- (1) In case of a visa is not granted, we usually cannot disclose the reasons to the applicant or persons concerned. We do not accept the same application from the same person within the six months from the date of the visa refusal.
- (2) We strongly recommend you NOT to purchase your air ticket before actually obtaining a visa to Japan (except the application for a transit visa). We are NOT responsible for the air fee and other cost incurred in case of not granting visa.
- (3) In principle, you should come in person on your application. However, if you meet the following conditions, you can make your agent, family member, or messenger apply in your behalf.
  - Those who are age of under 16 years and over 60 years
  - Those who are physically disabled
  - Those who are traveling on business purposes
  - Those who have traveled to Japan within last 5 years
  - Those who are traveling as a part of group tour which is organized by one of the travel agencies registered to the Embassy.
  - Those who hold a diplomatic or official passport