



## SOME UPDATES FROM LOVELY THAI AUTHORITIES AS FOLLOWS

1. Regarding tourist visas, as of 2 November, any non-Thai can apply for a tourist visa (including, Italians, Albanians and Cypriots). The Consulates can issue them such visas; however, an extra document is needed: a current bank statement of the applicant showing the closing balance (each month) of 15,000 euro/person for last 6 months in English or Italian. The bank statement must show account owner (they need to upload this document to the on-line COE website as well). For Foreign nationals (other than Italian), a copy of valid residence permit in Italy which valid until the end of the trip to Thailand is needed.

**IMPORTANT:** the same regulations on COVID are still in force. They will have to apply for the COE via [coethailand.mfa.go.th](http://coethailand.mfa.go.th), proof of the 14-day ASQ, the fit-to-fly, COVID Rt-PCR test 72 hours before flying, medical insurance that cover COVID treatment of no less than 100,000 USD.

2. For plane tickets, there are no specific airlines anymore, Thai Civil Aviation already granted most airlines to operate flights to Thailand. (Including Phuket, which need to book for Alternative Local Quarantine) You can see from the website: [hsscovid.com](http://hsscovid.com)

From now on, Retirement, Non-O, single entry, visa validity 3 month, is now also possible with the following criteria:

- The applicant must be 50 years old and above.
- Bank Statement or Proof of Income with a minimum balance of 6,000 Euro or monthly pension of 1,500 Euro
- Apart from the Medical insurance policy which covers treatment and medical expenses in relation to COVID-19, with a minimum coverage of 100,000 USD, the applicants must show proof of being medically insured for the entire period of stay in Thailand with the following coverage:

- Outpatient benefit with a sum insured of not less than 40,000 THB
- Inpatient benefit with a sum insured of not less than 400,000 THB

The traveler still needs to follow the COE procedure by register on-line as normal. On the [coethailand.mfa.go.th](http://coethailand.mfa.go.th) website they should choose types of permitted persons as “Long Stay Visitor (O-Ret)”.

For online registration, the ones who have “retirement” stamp with valid re-entry permit in their passport should choose this type also. For Thai citizen, FYI, in case there are some inquiries from Thai nationals concerning procedure to go to Thailand. Please ask them to follow the Embassy Facebook page [www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiEmbassyRome](https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiEmbassyRome) for the updated information. For Thais, if they do not wish to use the ASQ facility, please do not tell them to register online via [coethailand.mfa.go.th](http://coethailand.mfa.go.th) yet This is because the Embassy arranges some flights / month for Thais to go to Thailand using State Quarantine facility and those who would like to use the facility need to apply with the Embassy first. They can find this information on our Facebook page.

Thanks so much for your patience during this “visa confusing” period.



## Visas

Regarding **Tourist visas**, as of 2 November, any non-Thai can apply for a tourist visa (including, Italians, Albanians and Cypriots). The Consulates can issue some of such visas.

The different tourist visas that can be issued are set out below:

### - 45-days tourist visa exemption

Visa exemption is permitted only twice in a calendar year, and the traveller must possess adequate cash of or equivalent to 20,000 Baht per person or 40,000 Baht per family.

Travellers must apply for the Certificate of Entry (COE) via <https://coethailand.mfa.go.th/> and choose category "Medium Term Visitor - Visa Exemption"

### - Special Tourist Visa (STV)

STV is valid for a single entry into Thailand for long-term tourism purposes only and it will be in effective until 30 September 2021. It is valid for 3 months from the date of issuance. The travelers will be allowed to stay in Thailand for a period of up to 90 days, counting from the date of entry. STV may be extended twice while the visitor is in Thailand for a period of up to 90 days per each extension. In order to request this visa please refer to the Embassy in Rome.

### -Single-Entry Tourist Visa

**This visa has a** period of stay 60 days and can be extended once for up to 30 days.

The following documents must be submitted before issueing the visa:

- Round trip tickets to Thailand
- Proof of Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ)
- Health insurance which expressly covers medical treatment expenditures of COVID-19, with minimum coverage of 100,000 USD during the entire stay in Thailand
- Statement/proof of sufficient financial means to provide for the traveler, and any dependents, for the duration of stay in Thailand

For Foreign nationals (other than Italian), a copy of valid residence permit in Italy which valid until the end of the trip to Thailand is needed.

Concerning **Non-O visas** (Retirement) they can be issued as single entry with a validity 3 months.

When applying for COE via [coethailand.mfa.go.th](https://coethailand.mfa.go.th) website travellers must choose *Long Stay Visitor (Oret)*.

In order to issue the visa the following criteria must be met:

- The applicant must be 50 years old and above.
- Bank Statement or Proof of Income with a minimum balance of 6,000 Euro or monthly pension of 1,500 Euro
- Apart from the Medical insurance policy which covers treatment and medical expenses in relation to COVID-19, with a minimum coverage of 100,000 USD, the applicants must show proof of being medically insured for the entire period of stay in Thailand with the following coverage:
  - Outpatient benefit with a sum insured of not less than 40,000 THB
  - Inpatient benefit with a sum insured of not less than 400,000 THB



## **COE**

Please be known that COE rules are still applied. Travellers must apply for the Certificate of Entry (COE) via <https://coethailand.mfa.go.th/>

To obtain the COE, the following documents are still needed:

- Health insurance which expressly covers medical treatment expenditures of COVID-19, with minimum coverage of 100,000 USD during the entire stay in Thailand
- Round-trip flight confirmation
- Confirmation of Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ)

## **Thailand Plus**

Moreover, from 14 January onwards, (both Thai travellers and travellers of other nationalities) who are entering Thailand will need to download on their smartphones the app *Thailand Plus* <https://thailandplus.in.th/en/download/>

All passengers are expected to complete the registration before their arrival in Thailand.

For more information please visit the following link:

<https://qr.go.page.link/s9zH9>

## **Alternative State Quarantine**

Please be known that due to the changing COVID-19 situation in Thailand, the quarantine period will be changed back to 14 days starting from May 1st.

- COE issued from May 1st onwards, system will adjust every certificate to be 14-days quarantine;
- COE issued before May 1st with arrival in Thailand between May 1st-5th, quarantine period will be of 10 days;
- For all arrivals in Thailand from May 6th onwards, quarantine period will be of 14 days.

Travelers whose COE have been approved should contact their respective ASQ/ALQ hotel to extend their quarantine period.

## **Fit to Fly**

***Please also be known that from April 1<sup>st</sup> onwards, foreign travellers entering Thailand will no longer need Fit to Fly medical certificate, instead they will be requested to show a RT-PCR COVID-19 test issued less than 72 hours before the departure.***

## **Thai Nationals**

For requests concerning Thai Nationals please visit Embassy Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiEmbassyRome](http://www.facebook.com/RoyalThaiEmbassyRome)