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NON-IMMIGRANT STUDENT VISA: *Good things to know*

What is the difference between a passport and a visa?

Passport



- Official document issued by your home country's government to certify your identity and citizenship
- Allows you to travel under your home country's protection to and from foreign countries

Visa



- Endorsement of a passport indicating that you are allowed to enter, leave or stay for a specific period of time in a country that is not your own
- Because you are not a citizen of the Thailand, their government requires students to obtain a visa for their stay
- Some visas are affixed to a page in your passport, yours will be electronically emailed to you

Essentially your passport is your international ID and your visa is your ticket into the country.

Below are visa guidelines that contain important information regarding your application for a student visa for Thailand. Please read through this carefully, as visas can be complicated.

IMPORTANT: CIS Abroad can only advise students on visa procedures for travel requirements for your CISabroad program. CIS Abroad is not responsible for advising students on visa issues if you plan to travel internationally before or after the program. **Required documents for visa are always subject to change at the discretion of the consulate.**

These instructions are intended for US passport holders. International students must also be aware of additional documentation and/or processing time needed for their visas. Please contact your Program Coordinator to discuss your visa.

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TIMELINE : *When you need to take action*

We recommend that students begin the process of applying for their visa at least 4 weeks prior to the start of their program. You cannot apply for your visa more than 90 days before the start of your program, but this should not be an issue. You will see on the consulate websites that this visa lasts 90 days and is a single-entry visa. There is an [explanation for that below](#).

Here is a basic overview of the process:

Step 1: Create an Account

All US residents must submit their visa application through the Thai E-Visa Official Website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

Create your account here using an email address you have easy access to: <https://www.thaievisa.go.th/>

Step 2: Apply for your Visa

You will use the MFA E-Visa site to apply for your visa. Make sure you have time set aside, a secure internet connection, and all documents scanned in PDF or JPG format. You are able to save your progress and return again if you get interrupted! See step by step instructions below.

Step 3: Pay the Visa Fee

You will be prompted to pay your visa fee online, follow the instructions on the website to complete the transaction. As of April 2024 the fee for a Non-Immigrant Type ED Single-Entry Visa was 80 USD.

Step 4: Receive Your Visa!

Congrats— The visa will be emailed to you when it is ready. **Be sure to print it out** as you will need to show that to immigration upon arrival. Do not rely on the e-version while you are traveling.

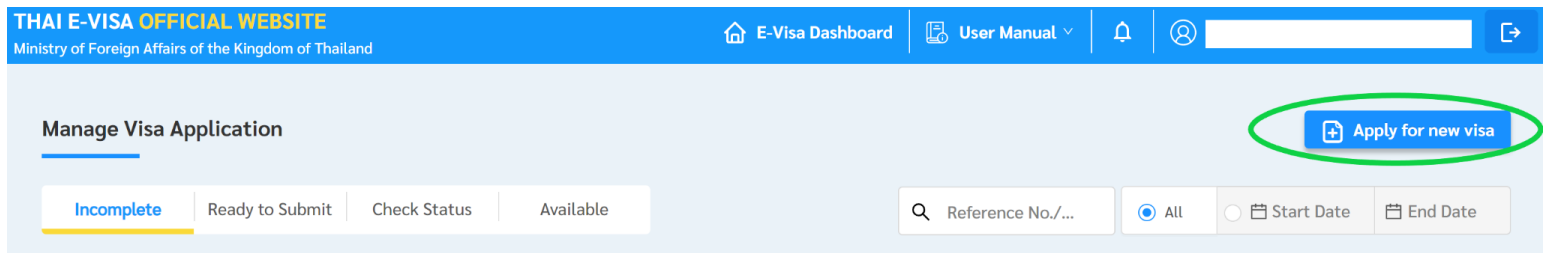
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HOW DO I APPLY FOR MY STUDENT VISA?: *Detailed Instructions*

Once you have created an account on <https://www.thaievisa.go.th/> then proceed with the following steps. If you have not created an account yet, do that now!

Step 1: Apply for a New Visa

On your E-Visa Dashboard you can view the visa applications you have in progress. Under the Incomplete Applications you'll see a button on the right hand side under your Profile Icon and Name that says "Apply for new visa" that will take you to the start of the application.



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E-Visa Dashboard | User Manual | [Profile Icon] [Search Bar]

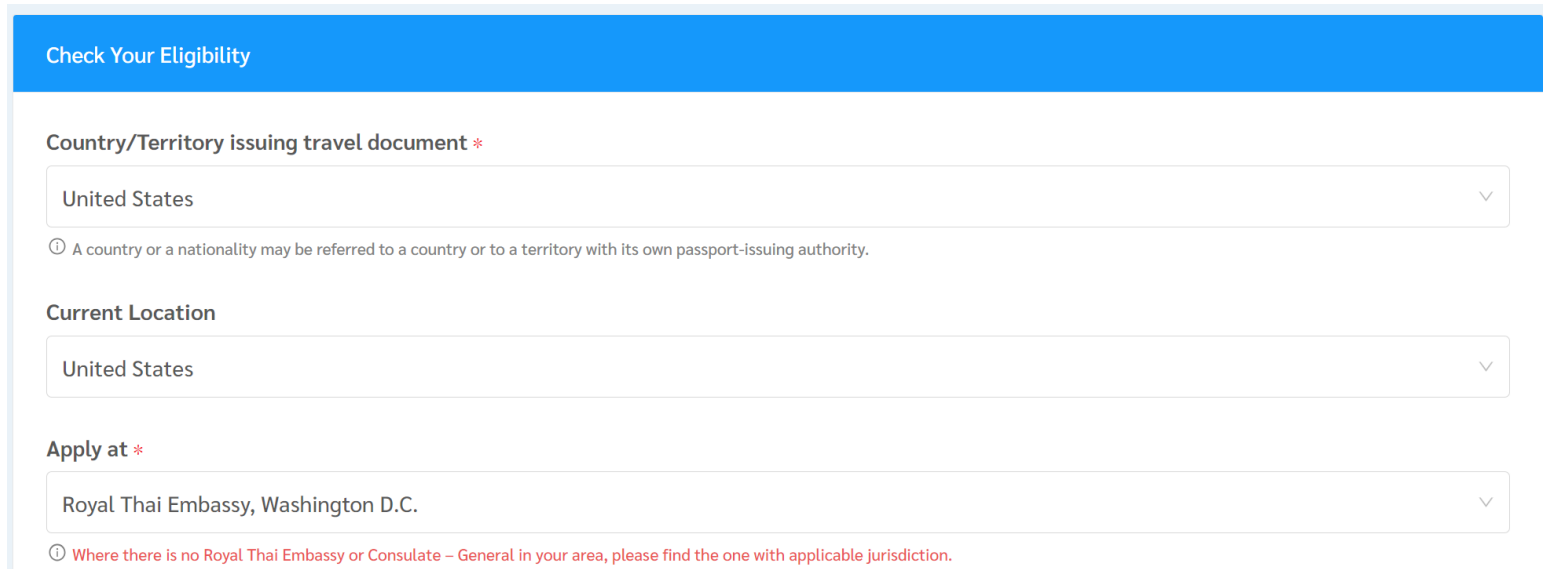
Manage Visa Application

Apply for new visa

Incomplete | Ready to Submit | Check Status | Available

Reference No./... | All | Start Date | End Date

Next you can move on to the "Check your eligibility" section:



Check Your Eligibility

Country/Territory issuing travel document *

United States

A country or a nationality may be referred to a country or to a territory with its own passport-issuing authority.

Current Location

United States

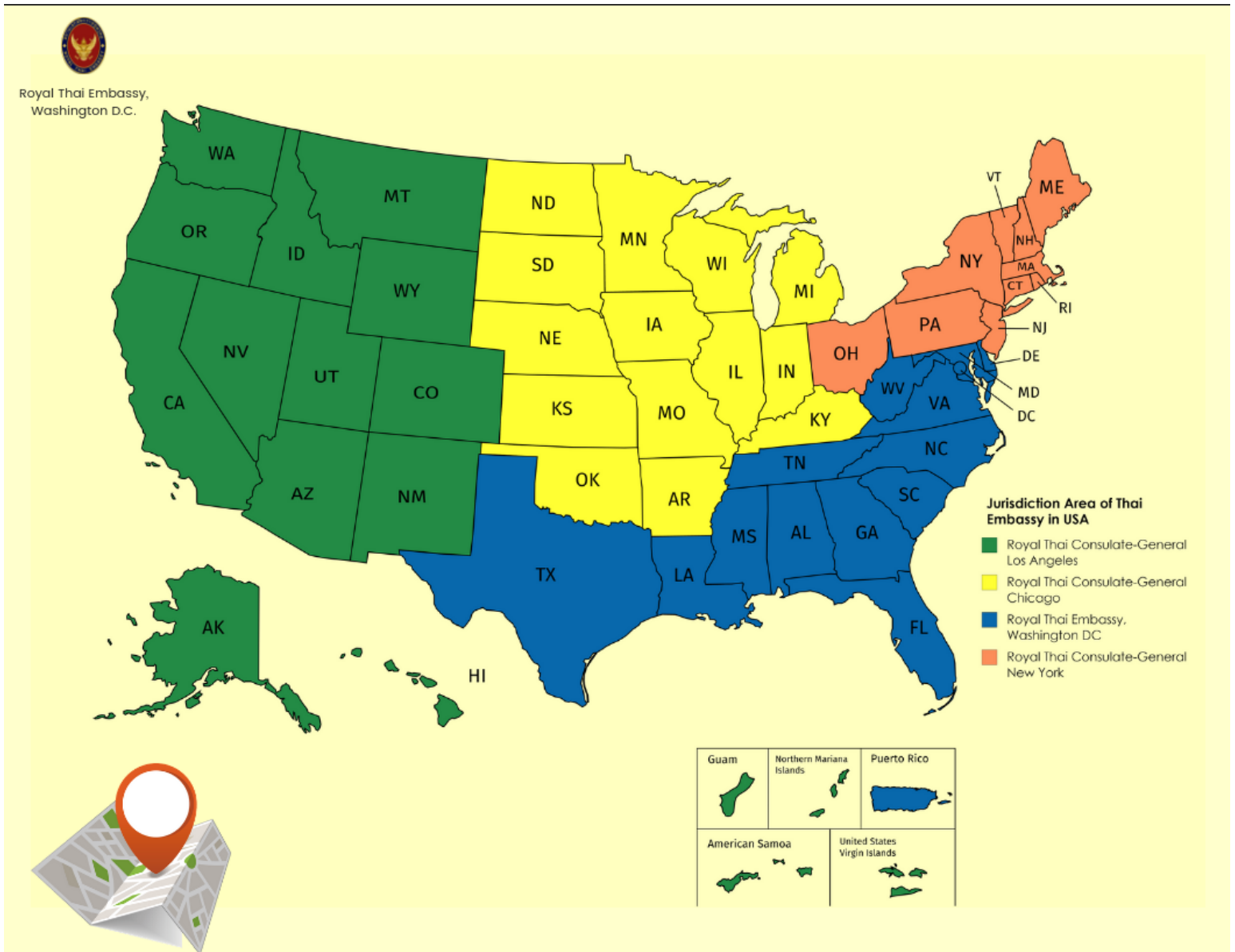
Apply at *

Royal Thai Embassy, Washington D.C.

Where there is no Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate – General in your area, please find the one with applicable jurisdiction.

NOTE: [Choose the consulate that serves your state of residency.](#) To check which consulate serves your home state consult their website. Here's a map to heck which consulate serves your home state:

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Below we'll outline the different requirements for each consulate. Each consulate has its own set of supporting documents that you will need to provide with your application.

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Next you will explain the purpose of your visit. Remember to select the correct Visa Type, which is a Non-Immigrant Visa(ED) with a single entry. (You can add more entries once on site in Thailand.)

Purpose of Visit

Travel document type *

Ordinary Passport / Travel Document

Visa Type *

Non-Immigrant Visa

Purpose of Visit *

To study (Bachelor's degree or higher) (ED PLUS)

① Applicant must travel within the valid period specified in the e-Visa

Number of Entries *

Single

① The difference in fee will not be refunded, if the officer grants a single entry visa instead of the multiple entries visa you applied for.

NOTE: Here you can save your work or continue to the next page. We recommend saving your work at the end of each page of the online E-Visa Application.

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After you check your eligibility you'll begin submitting your Applicant Information:

Upload the Biodata Page of your passport (aka the page with your photo, birth date, and passport number, etc) and a recent passport-style photo. We recommend having these taken at a local photo shop or pharmacy store with a photo center.

NOTE: Be sure to follow the instructions and only upload the file type and size required otherwise the upload will fail. If a portion of your passport is cut off or the scan quality is bad, your photos may be rejected and cause delays in your visa processing.

Upload Biodata Page of Passport

Please upload the biodata page of your travel document. After the successful completion of the upload, your biographic information will be populated in the corresponding fields of the application. For accurate results, make sure the MRZ is contained within the full width of the photograph and the photograph is not blurry.

Applicant is required to submit his/her travel document that is valid for at least six months from the date of visa application for single entry and one year for multiple entry (18 months for OA Visa).

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Upload Photograph

Please upload appropriate photograph taken within six month. Failure to do so may result in rejection of visa request.

[Download Example Photograph](#)

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Next the form will ask you for additional personal information. You do not need to complete the fields that are not required. **MAKE SURE YOU ENTER YOUR NAME EXACTLY THE WAY IT IS ON YOUR PASSPORT. NO NICKNAMES.** If you enter your name even slightly differently than the way it appears on your passport, your visa could get denied. You will have to re-apply and pay the fee again. The same goes for all the other details on this page - double check everything.

Personal Information

Please provide all responses in English as appeared in your travel document. Required fields are indicated by an asterisk. *

Title *	Sex *	
Select your title	Select your sex	
First Name	Middle Name (If applicable)	Family Name
Enter your first name	Enter your middle name	Enter your family name
Contact No. *	E-mail *	
 +1	Enter your e-mail	
Nationality *		
Select your nationality		
Do you hold any other nationality than the one indicated ? * ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Nationality at Birth *		
Select your nationality at birth		
Place of Birth *	City of Birth *	
Select your place of birth	Enter your city of birth	
Date of Birth *	Marital Status *	
 Select your date of birth	Select your marital status	

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Your Travel Document information refers to your Passport. Copy the information as it is listed on your passport into the fields. The “Place of Issue” of your passport for all US Citizens is “United States” in the drop down menu:

Travel Document

Type of Travel Document *

PASSPORT

Travel Document No. *

Enter your travel document no.

Place of Issue *

Enter your place of issue

Date of Issue *

 Select your date of issue 

Date of Expiry *

 Select your date of expiry 

Address Information

Home Address *

Enter your home address

City *

Enter your city

Country *

Select your country

Is your permanent address same as your current address? * ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you have a different current address than your home address you can list that as well. Double check that all of your passport info (Travel document number, place of issue, date of issue, date of expiry, etc.) is correct.

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In the “Employment Information” please list that you are a student and write the name of your home college or university where it asks for a “Company/Institute.”

Employment Details		
Occupation *	Company/Institute *	Annual Income *
Student	Your university here	No income

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Next you will need your travel information. It's important that you have your Flight information available. Here is where you can list your intended date of arrival to Thailand.

For the last port of embarkation, put the last point from which you embarked on the main leg of your journey. For example, if your travel is New York -> Dubai -> Bangkok, your last port of embarkation would be Dubai.

Note: You want to list your FINAL flight number that arrives into Thailand, not the flight number of the first flight you take departing the USA unless you are taking a direct flight and they are one and the same.

Travel Information

Applicant should not apply for visa more than 3 months before the date of intended arrival.

Intended date of arrival *

 28 Dec 2025



Intended date of departure *

 06 Apr 2026



Duration of stay (Days):: 99 day(s)

Last port of embarkation **Refer to your flight itinerary for this. It will be your last layover before you arrive in Bangkok.**
Country / Territory *

Korea, Republic of

▼

Port of arrival *

☒ **AIR**


☐ **LAND**


☐ **SEA**


First Arrival Port in thailand (City) *

Suvarnabhumi International Airport - BKK

▼

Mode of transport *

Schedule (Commercial)

▼

Flight No. *

KE 659

Put your final flight number - the one that enters Thailand.

Have you ever visited Thailand ? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever applied for Thai visa ? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you travelling as part of a tour group ? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Note: Remember the images above are just examples. Please refer to your own itinerary and visa letters for accurate dates and flight information.



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Accommodation in Thailand: Here you will list your dormitory's name and address:

Accommodation Type *	
☐ Hotel ☒ Private Property ☐ Own Property	
Accommodation Name *	
Bundit House	
Street Address *	City *
58/18 58/29 Moo 4. Nakhon Pathom Road	Nakhon Pathom
District *	Subdistrict *
Phutthamonthon	Sala Ya
Postcode *	Contact No. *
73170	 +66 288 929 21
Duration of stay (Days): *	
100	

Check off Private Property, enter “Bundit House” as the Accommodation Name and list the following:

Street Address: 58/18, 58/29 Moo 4.

City: Nakhon Pathom

District: Phutthamonthon

Subdistrict: Sala Ya

Postcode: 73170

Phone: 66 (2) 889-2921

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: *Do not proceed with the visa application without these*

Here would be a good place to pause and save your work. Next you will move on to submitting your supporting documents.

NOTE: The supporting documents you see and will be asked for should be the same but **may vary depending on which Thai Consulate you chose** at the very beginning of your application. Below is an overview of the supporting documents with screenshots.

Supporting Documents

1 Check Your Eligibility 2 Applicant Information 3 Travel Information 4 Supporting Documents

Support Document (.JPG .JPEG .PDF file, Limit Size is 3 MB)

1 . Biodata page of Passport or Travel Document *

Document-1.jpg

2 . Photograph taken within the last six months. *

Document-10.jpg

3 . Document indicating current location *

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1 & 2. The first two supporting documents are the same scans that you uploaded of your passport and passport-style-photo and should automatically populate here.

3. You will need to upload proof that you reside in the region that your consulate serves. Proof of residency could be your state license listing your residential address, a state ID, or another form of ID that clearly shows your home address.

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4 . Financial evidence e.g. bank statements, sponsorship letter covering tuition fees and living expenses *

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5 . Letter from University *

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6 . Letter confirming enrollment details from University signed by authorized person together with a copy of ID card or passport of the signer *

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4. You will need to provide proof of financial means, which in this case means a bank statement, ideally in your name, with a beginning and ending balance of **\$4000 or greater**. This should be **your most recent bank statement** at the time of application. If you need a parent or other individual to serve as your guarantor, you will need to upload a copy of **their most recent bank statement** along with a **letter simply stating that they agree to financially support you** during the dates of your program. You will also need to provide **proof of relationship**, i.e. a copy of your birth certificate. Have them sign and date this document in pen and upload it as one file in this section with their bank statement. **If you or your parent are not able to show proof of funds of \$4000 or greater**, you may upload your **financial aid package information** as proof of funds.

5. Letter from University - The letter addressed to the Thai consulate and the University Registration Certificate. (When your program coordinator sends you an email saying that your visa documents are ready, this document can be found in your portal under Files.)

6. Letter confirming enrollment details from University signed by authorized person together with a copy of ID card or passport of the signer - Your acceptance letter from Mahidol University together with the passport copy of Associate Dean Dale Konstanz. (When your program coordinator sends you an email saying that your visa documents are ready, this document can be found in your portal under Files.)

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CONFIRM YOUR APPLICATION DETAILS: *Finalize the process*

Once you have uploaded all of the documents you will be ready to confirm your application. A pop up will appear and ask you to confirm all of your details.

Confirm your application

Your photo will appear here

Reference No.: NYC001-202210-
Visa Submission to: Royal Thai Consulate-General, New York
First Name:
Middle Name:
Family Name:
Nationality: United States
Travel Document No.:
Gender: Female
Date of Birth:
Date of Issue: 15 Jun 2015
Date of Expiry: 14 Jun 2025
Place of Issue: UNITED STATES
Place of Birth: United States
Visa Type: Non-Immigrant Visa(ED)
Marital Status: MARRIED

Review the above information for accuracy and click "confirm"

Cancel Confirm

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When you hit confirm a box will pop up asking if you'd like to submit your application now. You can either hit "Submit Now" or choose "Apply More" to have a chance to review your full application.

E-Visa Dashboard

✓ Your application has been successfully created.

Apply More Submit Now

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If you choose not to submit your application then you will be able to review it again or submit it from your applications dashboard under “Ready to Submit”:

The dashboard shows a top navigation bar with the title "Dashboard". Below it, there's a blue button labeled "Apply for new visa". To the right, a summary box indicates "Number of application created 1/10 Applications". A progress bar shows the status of applications: Incomplete (0), Ready to Submit (1), Submitted (0), and Finished (0). Below this, a section titled "Recent Incomplete Visa Application" includes a yellow button "View all applications" and a warning message: "Incomplete applications over 14 days will be automatically removed from the system." At the bottom, there's a table with columns: Reference No., Visa Type, Full name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Travel Doc No., Submit to, and Created Date.

After you submit your application you will be prompted to make an online payment:

This screenshot shows the same dashboard as the previous one, but with the "Proceed to Payment" button highlighted with a green oval. The button is yellow and located in the top right corner of the application list area. The application list below shows a single entry for an American national, with a blacked-out travel document number, submitted to the Royal Thai Consulate-General in New York, and created on 28 Oct 2022.

Once you have made your payment then your application is complete!

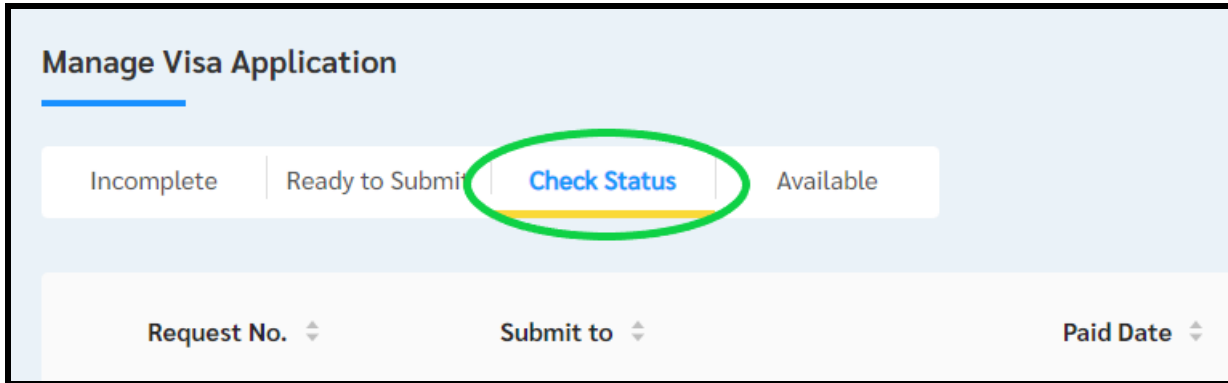
NOTE: You can also find a complete manual for the online system here (provided by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with less specific information with regards to your program):

<https://www.thaievisa.go.th/static/English-Manual.pdf>

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WHAT NEXT?: *Hooray! You've Submitted your application, but what's next?*

You can check the status of your E-Visa application by [logging back into your dashboard](#):



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Manage Visa Application". Below the title is a horizontal navigation bar with four buttons: "Incomplete", "Ready to Submit", "Check Status", and "Available". The "Check Status" button is highlighted with a green circle and a yellow underline. Below the navigation bar is a table with three columns: "Request No.", "Submit to", and "Paid Date". Each column header has a small downward arrow icon.

Your visa will be emailed to you when it is ready. **Please print it out** as you will need to show that to immigration upon arrival. Do not rely on the e-version while you are traveling.

ALWAYS keep your passport (with visa) and other important travel documentation in your carry-on bag, NOT your checked bag. You want that with you at all times while traveling!

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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: *Other tips and good things to know*

- **Some consulates may have old application forms still listed on their websites.** Please use the online system only at this time to ensure the most accurate information and fastest processing times.
- **You may be contacted by your local consulate or the E-Visa system who may request additional documents** depending on the embassy and current requirements. The following is a list of those possible documents you may want to prepare:
 - **A copy of flight confirmation/reservation**, showing going from US to Thailand and leaving from Thailand (The name of the applicant must be indicated clearly.)
 - **For those under 20 years old** (considered a minor in Thailand), you may be asked to provide the following document (these have been required in the past)s:
 - **Notarized** copy of a birth certificate
 - **Notarized** copy of marriage certificate , In case of sole custody **notarized** copy of court order must be provided.
 - **Notarized** copy or **original** passports or ID of mother and father/ legal guardian
 - **Original** letter of **notarized** consent for the minor to travel abroad from mother and father/ legal guardian

Beginning **May 3, 2023**, adults traveling by plane within the US will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States. Most REAL ID's are marked with a star at the top of the ID card. If you are not sure whether you have a REAL ID, or want to see about obtaining one, please visit the [DHS REAL ID website](#). "

You will need a Real ID in place of your passport:

- If you plan on traveling by plane in the US while your visa is in processing at the consulate

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SINGLE-ENTRY VISA WITH 90 DAY LIMIT: *What does this mean?*

When you look at your local consulate's website and begin preparing your Non-Immigrant ED visa, you will see that this visa is single-entry and is valid for 90 days. When you see that, **don't panic!**

We know that your program is longer than 90 days.

The good news is that **you will be able to extend your stay on-site** in Thailand through Mahidol University. Please note that there is a fee associated with this extension. Additionally, **you can add entries onto your visa while you are in Thailand**, through local airports for a fee.

Please talk to David Jackson, our Site Director in Thailand, for advice on adding entries in Thailand.

WHAT WILL MY VISA LOOK LIKE:

See the example visa on the next page. The visa will show applicant data (your information), visa data, and it will have your photo and a QR code at the bottom.

Please note that the validity dates under the visa data section are NOT YOUR PROGRAM DATES. These dates are the dates you are ALLOWED TO ENTER THAILAND. So it will likely say the date your visa gets approved to 3 months later. Your arrival date will fall in this window. Once you enter Thailand on your arrival date, your visa will activate and then your 90 days will begin. Remember, you will later extend your visa while onsite as the program is longer than 90 days.

A lot of students get alarmed when they see these dates and think that they have made a mistake and applied for the wrong dates. So don't worry, these dates are correct!

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THAI E-VISA

EXAMPLE



12 December 2024

A. APPLICANT DATA

First name : Jane
Middle name : Elizabeth
Family name : Smith
Sex : F
Date of birth : 03 November 2002
Nationality : USA
Passport / TD : United States
Passport / TD number : A24715906

B. VISA DATA

Transaction reference number : CHI001-268411-2455471
Place of issue : Chicago
Visa number : F0679704
Visa type : Non-Immigrant ED PLUS
No. of Entry : Single
Remarks : Mahidol University

This will say the consulate you applied through (LA, NY, CHICAGO, or DC)

IMPORTANT NOTE!
These are the dates you can ENTER Thailand - they are not your program dates. Once you enter, your visa will activate and your 90s days will begin.

Valid from :
Valid until :

12 December 2024
11 March 2025

Means valid for entry, not actual length of visa.

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