

DTV (Destination Thailand Visa) Details (as of July 5)

Source:

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Event: July 5, TAT Digital Nomads Connect in One Nimman

Visa Characteristics:

- Duration: 5 years, multiple entry.
- Validity vs. Length of Stay:
 - Visa valid for 5 years from issuance.
 - Each stay up to 180 days.
 - Extendable once per stay for an additional 180 days (maximum continuous stay of 360 days).
 - Must leave Thailand for minimum 1 day after 360 days to reset for another 180+180(extension) days stay.
- Visa Fees: 10,000 THB.
- Application Locations: Royal Thai Embassy, Royal Thai Consulate, or online via Thai e-visa.
- Availability Date: Within 15 days from July 5, 2024.

Intended Groups:

1. Remote workers, freelancers, digital nomads.
2. Participants in activities like Muay Thai, Thai cooking, seminars, music festivals, etc.
3. Families of DTV visa holders (spouse and dependent children under 20 years old).

Visa Requirements:

- Financial Evidence: Proof of funds no less than 500,000 THB (bank account, retirement funds account, etc.). This proof is required during both application and extension but the funds do not need to stay in your account during your stay in Thailand.
- Other Documents:
 - Passport or travel documents.
 - Photograph.
 - Document indicating current location.

- Proof of employment in another country (employment contract or portfolio of projects working on).
- If attending a course, a letter of acceptance.
- For family members, proof of relationship (marriage or birth certificate).

Tax Information:

- Will DTV visa holders be taxed? No! ←This is verbatim what the speaker, Mr. Ninnad, said. However, the following conversation between him and a person who asked a question also occurred during the Q & A session:
- Questioner: So, digital nomads will probably be going to the border after 6 months and coming back, and that means they'll have to pay tax.
- Mr. Ninnad: Yes if you receive your income from here, yes. If you do not bring your income here, you receive it from abroad, from another country, you don't have to pay tax.

Additional Notes:

- The DTV visa can only be applied for once. After 5 years, a new visa type will be required to stay in Thailand.
- The DTV must be applied for outside of Thailand.

Updated Visa Exemptions (Within July)

- New Exemption Scheme: 60-day visa exemption plus an additional 30-day extension.
 - Total visa-free stay increased from 60 to 90 days.
- Expanded List of Eligible Countries: Nearly 100 countries, up from the current 40+.

Approved Measures:

- These new regulations have been approved and will be implemented within a few weeks.
- New Tourist Visa: Allows entry for "business engagements" (excluding work without a permit), visiting relatives, and purposes beyond tourism.