

How to enter Thailand for the holidays during Covid-19

Certificate of Entry (COE) to Thailand

What is a COE?

The Certificate of Entry or COE is a letter issued by the Thai Embassy or Consulate to allow a foreign visa holder to enter Thailand onboard a special repatriation flight, chartered flight, or semi-commercial flight. This letter will be presented to the airline personnel before departure and to the immigration officer upon arrival in Thailand.

Who may apply for the COE?

The following categories of persons are permitted to enter Thailand and are required to apply for a valid visa and Certificate of Entry (COE) before traveling to Thailand:

- Diplomats, officials of international organizations, and their family members
- Non-Thai nationals who are spouses (holding a Thai Marriage visa), parents or children of Thai nationals
- Non-Thai nationals who have a Certificate of Permanent Residence
- Non-Thai nationals with valid work permit or letter of confirmation to work (WP3) from the relevant Thai government agency, and their spouse and children
- Non-Thai nationals who are students of formal educational establishments in Thailand as approved by Thai authorities, and their parents
- Non-Thai nationals in need of medical treatment in Thailand, except for treatment of COVID-19, including their accompanying persons
- Holders of Non-Immigrant visa Category OA/OX
- Holders of APEC Business card or Thai Elite Visa
- Holders of Special Tourist Visa (STV) Or Tourist Visa (TR) selected countries only
- Holders of Non-Immigrant visa for Business purpose, ownership of condominium or investment
- Holders of Non-Immigrant O retirement visa

What are the Requirements for the COE?

The main requirement for the COE is that the applicant qualifies to enter Thailand based on the list of eligible travelers. The applicant must secure the appropriate Thai visa before applying for the COE. Once the visa has been obtained, the applicant must prepare the following documents for the COE application:

- Copy of passport
- Copy of the STV, non-immigrant visa, or extension of stay with a re-entry permit
- Copy of the Health Insurance Policy covering treatment and medical expenses related to COVID-19 with a minimum coverage of 100,000 USD.
- Copy of confirmed flight booking
- Copy of confirmed Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) hotel booking

How to Apply for the Certificate of Entry (COE)?

Step 1: Visit <https://coethailand.mfa.go.th/> and register by filling in your personal details, and upload supporting documents such as a copy of passport, copy of the valid visa, and COVID-19 travel insurance. The Embassy will screen and pre-approve the applicants who meet the requirements. Please check the status of your application after 1-3 working days.

Step 2: The applicants can check their status online if they have been pre-approved. They will be contacted by email if the Embassy requires more documents. The applicants who are pre-approved passengers can then buy flight tickets and book their ASQ hotels. Copy of the flight ticket and the ASQ hotel booking confirmation has to be uploaded in order to get the COE. Please check the status of your application after 1-3 working days.

Step 3: When the COE has been approved, the applicants can check their status online and click to download their COE.

How long does it take to obtain the COE?

It is strongly recommended that the applicant spares at least 15 working days before the travel date to apply for the COE. If you do not have a valid visa, it is recommended to secure your visa before applying for the COE.

What is the validity of the COE?

The Certificate of Entry is valid only for the intended date of travel. The COE will specifically state your name, passport details, flight date of departure and arrival, flight number, and the name of your ASQ hotel. In case, you need to postpone your trip or change the details of your flight, you need to make a new application for the COE to obtain a new certificate with the new flight details or ASQ hotel details.

What do you have to do after receiving the COE?

Once you have received your COE, you have to prepare the following documents for your trip to Thailand. It will be presented to the airline before departure:

- Certificate of Entry (COE)
- Valid visa in your passport
- Declaration Form
- Fit-to-Fly health certificate, issued within 72 hours before departure – this is a statement by a doctor that you are free from symptoms and fit to fly. This certificate is separate from the COVID-19 medical certificate.
- Medical Certificate with a laboratory result indicating that COVID -19 is not detected. The COVID test must be by the RT-PCR method, issued within 72 hours before departure. Some airlines do not accept home kit tests so please check specific requirements with the airlines you are traveling with.
- Copy of insurance policy that covers COVID and no less than 100,000 USD. Please print the insurance certificate and all pages of the terms and conditions on the COVID-19 coverage and medical benefits. You may be refused to board the flight if you could not show that the insurance meets this requirement.
- Copy of confirmed ASQ hotel booking

Certificate of Entry Sample

No. XXXXX/XXXX



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CERTIFICATE OF ENTRY

The Royal Thai Consulate-General, Los Angeles certifies that _____, holder of American Passport Number 000000000, is eligible to enter the Kingdom of Thailand pursuant to the Regulation issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 1) dated 25 March B.E. 2563 (2020), as amended, upon presentation to the relevant authorities of this Certificate of Entry and the required documents applicable. This Certificate of Entry shall be valid only for travel by the above-named person with the following details:

Date of departure from the originating point of departure	<i>28 September 2020</i>
Date of arrival in the Kingdom	<i>30 September 2020</i>
Flight(s) Number(s) (for travel by air)	<i>XX000, XX000</i>

Upon entry into the Kingdom, the above-named person shall be subject to quarantine or control for observation measures as designated by the Thai authorities. In this connection, the above-named person has presented the Royal Thai Consulate-General, Los Angeles with evidence of a confirmed booking at _____, which has been designated as an Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) facility in accordance with the criteria and guidelines prescribed by the Thai authorities.

Royal Thai Consulate-General,
Los Angeles
14 September B.E. 2563 (2020)

