

## Non-immigrant Media Visa and Official Visa

(for working in Thailand for a minimum of 90 days)

The Royal Thai Consulate-General, Osaka may require additional documents and reserves the right to reject incomplete visa application as well as fraud and misrepresentation. Visa issuance is under the discretion of the Royal Thai Consulate-General, Osaka. The Royal Thai Consulate General, Osaka reserves the right not to explain the reason of rejection.

- **Submission:** working days from 9:30-11:30 hrs. Please refer to [www.thaiconsulate.jp](http://www.thaiconsulate.jp) for the official holidays of the Royal Thai Consulate-General, Osaka.
- **Collection:** from 13:30-15:00 hrs. 2 working days from submission date in the absence of error in the application form and required documents. (Visa processing time for certain nationals listed in the guideline for visa application published in our website is 45-60 days.)

<b>Number of Entries</b>	<b>Single</b>
<b>Term of validity</b> ※from the date of issue	3 months
<b>Duration of stay</b> ※from the date of entry	90 days
<b>Fee</b>	- 9,000 yen for Non-Immigrant Media Visa - No fee for Official Visa (Official Passport Holder)
<b>Necessary validity of Passport</b> ※from the date of entry	Not less than 6 months

### For journalists and correspondents

#### Step 1:

News agency in Thailand submits a request for the applicant's visa approval at the Department of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand.

Please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand's Guidelines for Issuing Non-immigrant Visa Category "M" (Media Visa) and Official Visa Category "F"

(<http://mmos.mfa.go.th/upload/iblock/693/693942568ed03338d9f8c150189b2632.pdf>)

#### Step 2:

The Royal Thai Consulate-General will interview the applicant.

#### Step 3:

Once the applicant gets approval from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Royal Thai Consulate-General will contact him/her to get the visa. Please prepare the following documents:

## Document Required

### **1. Application form affixed with color photo** ([http://www.thaiconsulate.jp/files/user/visa\\_pdf/Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.thaiconsulate.jp/files/user/visa_pdf/Application_Form.pdf))

- Japanese nationals and foreign nationals except those from the following countries and territories: 1 application form

<b>3 Application forms and photos</b>	*Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Ghana, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Iraq, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Libya, Liberia, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia, Sierra Leon, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen
<b>4 Application forms and photos</b>	Iran, *Nigeria

\*For Afghanistan national, please also submit the ID Certificate.

\*For Nigeria national, please also submit the Certificate of Clearance (National Drug Law Enforcement Agency of Nigeria-NDLEA).

**2. Color Photograph(s) affixed to the application form**

- identical color photos taken within the last 6 months.
- size 3.5cm x 4.5cm

**3. Passport Original and copy**

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※ Additional documents for **non-Japanese passport holder**

- (1) Copy of passport holder's signature page
- (2) Copy of Japan's residence card (front and back side)

**4. Personal history** ([http://www.thaiconsulate.jp/files/user/visa\\_pdf/personal-history.pdf](http://www.thaiconsulate.jp/files/user/visa_pdf/personal-history.pdf))

Completed and signed by the applicant

**5. Original recommendation letter** from the news agency/ media company in Japan addressed to the Visa Section, the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Osaka requesting for visa issuance with a photocopy of the signer's passport\*

**6. Original invitation letter** from the news agency / media company in Thailand addressed to the Visa Section, the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Osaka requesting for visa issuance with a photocopy of the signer's passport\*

*\* The recommendation and invitation letters must have the company's letter head with company's seal, signed by the authorized person(s). Both letters must contain the applicant's name, assignment's position / responsibilities / salary / date of entry / length of stay and type of visa.*

*\*\* In case the letters are not signed by the authorized person(s), a letter of power of attorney authorizing other person(s) to act on his/her behalf must be submitted upon submitting visa application.*

**7. Proof of registration of the media entity with the competent authority in Thailand or in Japan**

(original or copy with original company seal and signature of authorized person whose name is listed in the company's registration on each page)

**8. Company's profile** of the media entity/ news agency in Japan

**9. The applicant's criminal record** legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan in a sealed envelope

**10. A copy of the applicant's work during the year prior to the date of application**, including work in Thailand

**11. A copy of valid work permit or form WP 3**(Letter of approval from the Ministry of Labour of Thailand.

**12. Airline ticket or booking confirmation** issued by airline with applicant's name, flight number as well as flight date and time

**For media production and film crew**

Step 1

Please contact and get the permission from Thailand Film Office, Department of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism and Sports before applying for visa.

Step 2

Once the applicant get the permission from Thailand Film Office, Department of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism and Sports, please **make an appointment online [VABO] at <http://thaiconsulate-visa.jp/vabo/index.php/en/> before visa application**

## Required document for visa application

### **1. Application form affixed with color photo** ([http://www.thaiconsulate.jp/files/user/visa\\_pdf/Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.thaiconsulate.jp/files/user/visa_pdf/Application_Form.pdf))

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<b>3 Application forms and photos</b>	*Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Ghana, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Iraq, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Libya, Liberia, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia, Sierra Leon, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen
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### **4. Personal history** ([http://www.thaiconsulate.jp/files/user/visa\\_pdf/personal-history.pdf](http://www.thaiconsulate.jp/files/user/visa_pdf/personal-history.pdf))

Completed and signed by the applicant

### **5. Letter of permission** from Thailand Film Office, Department of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism and Sports with 1 copy

### **6. Original recommendation letter** from the media company in Japan addressed to the Visa Section, the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Osaka requesting for visa issuance with a photocopy of the signer's passport\*

### **7. Original invitation letter** from the coordinating agency in Thailand addressed to the Visa Section, the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Osaka requesting for visa issuance with a photocopy of the signer's passport **(if applicable)** \*

*\* The recommendation and invitation letters must have the company's letter head with company's seal, signed by the authorized person(s). Both letters must contain the applicant's name, assignment's position / responsibilities / salary / date of entry / length of stay and type of visa.*

*\*\* In case the letters are not signed by the authorized person(s), a letter of power of attorney authorizing other person(s) to act on his/her behalf must be submitted upon submitting visa application.*

### **8. Proof of registration of the media company and the coordinating agency** with the competent authority in Thailand or in Japan (original or copy with original company seal and signature of authorized person whose name is listed in the company's registration on each page)

### **9. Company's profile of the media company in Japan**

### **10. The applicant's criminal record** legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan in a sealed envelope

### **11. Airline ticket or booking confirmation** issued by airline with applicant's name, flight number as well as flight date and time

## **Remarks:**

The applicant must enter Thailand on the date specified in the company letter(s).