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YOUR VISA COMPANION

The Non-Immigrant ED Visa (Education Visa) is designed for foreign nationals who wish to study in Thailand. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to apply for this visa:

1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Non-Immigrant ED Visa, you must be:

Accepted into a recognized educational institution in Thailand, such as a university, language school, or international school.

Planning to enroll in a formal course of study, such as a degree program, Thai language course, or training program.

Since you are planning to study at Siam University as an exchange student, this visa would be applicable to you.



2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Here's a list of documents typically required for the Non-Immigrant ED Visa application:

Passport

Valid for at least six months (for a single-entry visa) or one year (for a multiple-entry visa).

Visa Application Form

- Completed and signed visa application form.

Passport-Size Photos

- Two recent passport-sized photos (taken within the last six months).

Letter of Acceptance

- Official acceptance letter from Siam University, confirming your enrollment and the program's duration.

School/University Registration Documents

- Documents from Siam University confirming the school's status and authorization to accept foreign students.

Proof of Financial Support

- Evidence of sufficient funds (typically at least 20,000 THB for a single person or 40,000 THB for a family).

Proof of Residency (if applying within Thailand)

- If you are already in Thailand, you may need to provide proof of your current residence.

Visa Fee

- Single-entry visa: approximately 2,000 THB.
- Multiple-entry visa: approximately 5,000 THB.

Fees may vary depending on your country and the Thai embassy/consulate you apply through.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Apply from Your Home Country

- Visit the nearest Thai Embassy or Consulate in your home country with all required documents.
- Submit your application, documents, and visa fee.
- Processing time usually takes 5-10 business days, but it may vary.

2. Apply within Thailand (if already in the country)

- If you enter Thailand on a tourist visa, you may apply for the Non-Immigrant ED Visa at the Immigration Bureau.
- The process usually takes a few weeks and involves obtaining approval from the Ministry of Education.

4. VISA VALIDITY AND EXTENSIONS

Initial Visa: The initial Non-Immigrant ED Visa is typically valid for 90 days.

Extension: After arriving in Thailand, you can extend your visa for up to one year at the Immigration Bureau, provided you remain enrolled in your educational program and meet the requirements.

Multiple-Entry: If you plan to travel in and out of Thailand frequently, you can request a multiple-entry visa or obtain a re-entry permit.

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

For long-term ED visa holders (with one-year extensions), you are required to report to immigration every 90 days to confirm your current address.

6. RE-ENTRY PERMIT

If you plan to travel outside Thailand and return during the validity of your ED visa, you will need a re-entry permit to keep your visa active.



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