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13. Mobility of Business People		
Regulatory Visa Regimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From 1 August 2017, Thailand launched an online lodgment platform for Thai businessmen applying for the APEC Business Travel Card. Such platform efficiently reduces internal processing time for home applicants. The 2nd Phase of the e-application platform was launched in January 2020. - Thailand continues committing to information dissemination on the subject of regulatory visa. The updated information could be viewed at www.consular.go.th. 	The E-visa system was launched on 15 February 2019 in China, and subsequently in the UK and France in June 2019 to facilitate foreign visitors. The plan is to eventually extend the E-visa service to all Thai diplomatic missions abroad.
Website for further information:	www.consular.go.th	
Contact point for further details:	<i>Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	
Temporary Business Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thailand remains operating One-Stop Service Centre to facilitate stay permit, re-entry permit and work permit requests and extensions, as well as all related arrangements within 3 hours for foreign business people. For more information on the services offered by the One-Stop Service Center and the criteria foreign business people must meet to 	

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	<p>business people. For more information on the services offered by the One-Stop Service Center and the criteria foreign business people must meet to qualify for those services, inquiry can be made at the following address:</p> <p>One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit 18th Floor, Chamchuri Square Building, Phayathai Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 Thailand Tel: +66(0) 2209 1100 ext. 1109-1110 Fax: +66(0) 2209 1194</p> <p>For further details regarding Work Permits, visit website https://www.doe.go.th/prd/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Immigration Bureau continues to coordinate closely with all foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand to ensure that they are aware of the availability of such service. The Immigration Bureau's website is at www.immigration.go.th. - In 2015, the Department of Employment announced that list activities that are not regarded with the terms of working account to the Working of 	

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	<p>Alien Act, B.E. 2551 (2008). The activities are listed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attending a meeting, consultation or seminar 2. Visiting an exhibition or a trade fair 3. Visiting a business or conferring a business negotiation 4. Attending a special and technical lecture 5. Attending a technical training or seminar 6. Buying products from an expo 7. Attending a committee meeting in their own company <p>Those foreign business people entering to Thailand to carry out such activities are not required to apply for work permits.</p>	
Website for further information:	https://www.doe.go.th/prd/	
Contact point for further details:	<i>Department of Employment, Ministry of Labour</i>	
Smart Visa	<p>Launched on February 1st, 2018, the SMART Visa program was designed to attract high-skilled manpower and investors to help accelerate Thailand's development. SMART Visa is offered to science and</p>	

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	<p>technology experts, senior executives, entrepreneurs and investors who wish to enter into the Kingdom of Thailand to work or invest in the following “13 S-Curve industries” or the country’s targeted industries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Next Generation Automotive (2) Affluent, Medical and Wellness Tourism (3) Agriculture and Biotechnology (4) Aviation and Logistics (5) Biofuels and Biochemicals (6) Digital (7) Medical Hub (8) Smart Electronics (9) Food for the Future (10) Automation and Robotics (11) Alternative Dispute Resolution (12) Human Resources Development in Science (13) Environmental Management and Renewable Energy 	

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	<p>Applicants for SMART Visa must have qualifications according to the criteria specified by the Office of the Board of Investment. Their qualifications will be verified by relevant agencies. After receiving technical and non-technical endorsements, the SMART Visa unit will then proceed to issue a letter of qualification endorsement for applicants to submit to the Royal Thai Embassies/Consulates (in case of residing overseas) or the Immigration Bureau at the One Stop Center for Visas and Work Permits or EEC Labour Administration Center in Chonburi in order to obtain SMART Visa.</p>	
Website for further information:	https://smart-visa.boi.go.th	
Contact point for further details:	Thailand Board of Investment	