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Announcement Launch of the e – Visa System

The Royal Thai Embassy in Japan has announcement of launching of the e – Visa System and effective from 1 January 2025, applicants who a foreign national who is currently in Japan and wishes to apply for a Thai visa must apply and submit his/her application through the new online e-Visa platform at <http://www.thaievisa.go.th>. Applicants will no longer submit a passport and original supporting documents in person at the Royal Thai Embassy. Visa applications submitted through at the Royal Thai Embassy will take approximately 15 business days to process.

After the e-Visa application has been approved, a confirmation email will be sent to the applicant. The applicant may be requested to present a copy of the confirmation email to the airline at the port of departure and to Thai immigration officials in Thailand.

Visa fees must be paid in the e-payment of the e-Visa system by using a credit card (Visa or Master Card) only. The visa application fee is non-refundable.

Minimum Wage Rate for B.E.2568 (2025)

Notification of the Wage Committee, on the date of 23rd December B.E.2567 (2024) in accordance with the Wage Committee's subjects of the minimum wage rate (No. 13), the Wage Committee resolved to increase the minimum wage rate by 7 - 55 baht per day, so that it rates to 337 - 400 baht per day, and shall be enforced on 1 January B.E.2568 (2025) onwards. However, each area will adjust and classify into 17 rates as follows: -

Number	Minimum Wages (baht per day)	Amount (Provinces, District)	Areas to be enforced
1.	400	4, 1	Chachoengsao ,Chonburi, Phuket, Rayong, and only in Koh Samui Distict, Surat Thani.
2.	380	-, 2	Only in Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai Province, and only in Hat Yai District, Songkhla Province
3.	372	6	Bangkok, Nakhon Pathom, Nonthaburi, PathumThani, Samut Prakan, and Samut Sakhon
4.	359	1	Nakhon Ratchasima
5.	358	1	Samut Songkhram
6.	357	5	Khon Kaen, Chiang Mai but except in Mueang Chiang Mai District, Prachin Buri, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, and Saraburi

7.	356	1	Lopburi
8.	355	3	Nakhon Nayok, Suphan Buri and Nong Khai
9.	354	2	Krabi and Trat
10.	352	15	Kanchanaburi, Chanthaburi, Chiang Rai, Tak, Nakhon- Phanom, Buriram, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Phang Nga, Phitsanulok, Mukdahan, Sakon Nakhon, Songkhla but except in Hat Yai Distict, Sa Kaeo, Surat Thani but except in Koh Samui Distict, and Ubon Ratchathani.
11.	351	3	Chumphon, Phetchaburi, and Surin
12.	350	3	Nakhon Sawan, Yasothon, and Lamphun
13.	349	5	Kalasin, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Bueng Kan, Phetchabun, and Roi Et
14.	348	5	Chai Nat, Chaiyaphum, Phatthalung, Singburi, and Ang Thong
15.	347	16	Kamphaeng Phet, Phichit, Maha Sarakham, Mae Hong Son, Ranong, Ratchaburi, Lampang, Loei, Sisaket, Satun, Sukhothai, Nong Bua Lamphu, Amnat Charoen, Udon Thani, Uttaradit, and Uthai Thani
16.	345	4	Trang, Nan, Phayao, and Phrae
17.	337	3	Narathiwat, Pattani, and Yala