

Topics in August 2026

The Ministry of Interior Revises the Visa Exemption Rules, Limiting Visa-Free Stays to 30 Days

On 31st of August B.E. 2569 (2026), the Royal Gazette published the Notification of the Ministry of Interior, regarding determination of the list of countries and territories whose passport holders or persons holding documents in lieu of passports entering the kingdom temporarily for tourism are exempt from visa requirements and permitted to stay in the kingdom for a period not exceeding 30 days.

The Notification also revokes the previous 60-day visa exemption scheme under which foreign nationals entering Thailand for tourism, work, or short-term business purposes were eligible for visa exemption and permitted to stay in the Kingdom for up to 60 days pursuant to the Notification of the Ministry of Interior dated 15th of July B.E. 2567 (2024).

The Notification will take effect from 15th of September B.E. 2569 (2026) onwards. Under the new rules, passport holders from the following 60 countries and territories will be eligible for visa exemption and permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period not exceeding 30 days:

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| 1. Commonwealth of Australia | 31. Republic of Latvia |
| 2. Republic of Austria | 32. Principality of Liechtenstein |
| 3. Kingdom of Bahrain | 33. Republic of Lithuania |
| 4. Kingdom of Belgium | 34. Grand Duchy of Luxembourg |
| 5. Republic of Bulgaria | 35. Republic of Malta |
| 6. Kingdom of Bhutan | 36. Malaysia |
| 7. Brunei Darussalam | 37. Republic of Maldives |
| 8. Canada | 38. Kingdom of the Netherlands |
| 9. Republic of Croatia | 39. New Zealand |
| 10. Republic of Cyprus | 40. Kingdom of Norway |
| 11. Czech Republic | 41. Sultanate of Oman |
| 12. Kingdom of Denmark | 42. Republic of the Philippines |
| 13. Republic of Estonia | 43. Republic of Poland |
| 14. Republic of Fiji | 44. Portuguese Republic |
| 15. Republic of Finland | 45. State of Qatar |
| 16. French Republic | 46. Romania |
| 17. Georgia | 47. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia |
| 18. Federal Republic of Germany | 48. Republic of Singapore |
| 19. Hellenic Republic | 49. Slovak Republic |
| 20. Hungary | 50. Republic of Slovenia |
| 21. Republic of Iceland | 51. Republic of South Africa |
| 22. Republic of Indonesia | 52. Kingdom of Spain |
| 23. Republic of India | 53. Kingdom of Sweden |
| 24. Ireland | 54. Swiss Confederation |
| 25. State of Israel | 55. Taiwan |
| 26. Italian Republic | 56. Republic of Türkiye |
| 27. Japan | 57. Ukraine |

28. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
29. State of Kuwait
30. Kyrgyz Republic

58. United Arab Emirates
59. United Kingdom
60. United States of America