



# Tax News Flash

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## **Changes in visas and quarantine periods for entry into Thailand**

As of 1 October 2021, the Thai government announced changes to certain visas' status for entry into Thailand and reduced the quarantine periods for vaccinated travelers.

### **WHY THIS MATTERS**

These measures have been passed in order to help ease travel to Thailand as part of the economic recovery process following the COVID-19 pandemic. For organizations and individuals hoping to rely on travel to Thailand, an awareness of these measures is important to update operations and manage time.

### **More Details**

Among the changes announced by the government are:

- The Visa on Arrival scheme has been restarted.<sup>1</sup>
- The Visa Exemption period has been shortened from 45 days to the original 30 days.<sup>1</sup>
- The Special Tourist Visa (STV) scheme has been extended until 30 September 2022.<sup>2</sup>
  - As before, an STV is valid for 3 months from the date of issuance.
  - Travelers must enter Thailand within the said 3-month period.
  - They will be allowed to stay in Thailand for a period of up to 90 days.
  - An STV can be extended twice within Thailand for a period of up to 90 days per extension.
- The quarantine period has been reduced as per the details shown below.<sup>3</sup>

### **Changes in quarantine periods**

- 7-day quarantine
  - Travelers who are fully vaccinated and who have received a second vaccine no less than 14 days before their travel date, with a vaccine approved by Thailand's Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) or the World Health Organisation (WHO), must present a vaccine certificate (either the original or a printed copy) at the point of entry into Thailand.

- During quarantine, fully vaccinated travelers are required to undergo two RT-PCR tests; first upon arrival on Day 0-1, and the second before finishing the quarantine period on Day 6-7.
- 10-day quarantine
  - Travelers who have not been vaccinated, who do have a vaccine certificate, or who are partially vaccinated, and who arrive in Thailand by air will be required to enter a 10-day quarantine and undergo two RT-PCR tests; first upon arrival on Day 0-1, and the second on Day 8-9.
- 14-day quarantine
  - Travelers who have not been vaccinated, who do not have a vaccine certificate, or who are partially vaccinated, and who arrive in Thailand by land will be required to enter a 14-day quarantine, and undergo two RT-PCR tests – first upon arrival on Day 0-1, and the second on Day 12-13.

#### KPMG NOTE

We would strongly recommend any exceptional cases to get in touch with the Thai Embassy/Consulate in your location for more information about how to prepare the necessary documents prior to arriving in Thailand.

#### FOOTNOTES:

1. Information for the Visa on Arrival and Visa Exemption  
<https://www.thaiembassy.org/>
2. STV has been extended to 30 September 2022  
[http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2564/E/240/T\\_0009.PDF](http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2564/E/240/T_0009.PDF)
3. The latest developments regarding quarantine period in Thailand.  
[http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2564/E/239/T\\_0125.PDF](http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2564/E/239/T_0125.PDF)
4. The list of vaccine approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO)  
<https://covid19.trackvaccines.org/agency/who/>

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