

Extension on Basis of Being Married to or a Family Member of a Thai

Thai Immigration will grant an extension of stay up to one year on the basis the foreigner is married to a Thai national or a family member of a Thai.



Requirements

1. Hold a Non Immigrant Visa
2. Be the spouse (legal marriage), parent(s), child, adopted child or child of the foreign spouse. Child must be under 20 years of age and living with family.
3. Have the required financial resources:
 - a. Husband of Thai lady - An average annual income of 40,000 Baht per month or a money deposit of not less than 400,000 Baht for past two months.
 - b. Parent(s) - One must have an average annual income of 40,000 Baht per month or a money deposit of not less than 400,000 Baht.

Documents (as reported by expats):

1. Basic documents for extension
2. Proof of family/spousal relationship
 - a. Marriage license if spousal relationship
 - b. Birth certificate(s) as appropriate to show relationship for parent(s) or children
 - c. If documents are in English, will need to have translated into Thai and certified by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok (marriage may also need to be registered in spouse's local District Office)
3. Photo copy of Bank book showing funds on deposit (identity page and pages showing balance(s))
4. Original letter from bank (not less than 7 days old)
5. Map showing location of residence

Approval of Application for Extension

Expect some delay in receiving the extension as local Immigration Offices are required to send documents to Bangkok for approval. Also, it is not unknown for Immigration to do some preliminary investigation, such as visiting the domicile.

TIP: *Although the financial resource requirements are less than for extensions based on retirement, the documentation is more extensive and often subject to more scrutiny by Immigration officials. Further, the approval process takes longer because the local Immigration Office receiving the application must send it to Bangkok for approval. Consequently, if you meet the requirements for a retirement extension, it may be the better option for obtaining an extension of stay.*