

Visa on Arrival in Thailand

Information for citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan
New rules effective from 15 September 2026

Key update

From 15 September 2026, nationals of Azerbaijan may apply for a **Visa on Arrival (VoA)** at designated immigration checkpoints in Thailand. The visa fee is **THB 2,000 per person**.

1. Entry into force

Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that the revised visa exemption and Visa on Arrival schemes were published in the Royal Gazette on 31 August 2026 and will take effect from **15 September 2026**. Under the revised VoA scheme, the number of eligible countries/territories is three. An official Royal Thai Embassy notice identifies these countries as **Azerbaijan, Belarus and Serbia**.^{[1][2]}

2. Purpose and permitted stay

Visa on Arrival is available for entry for **tourism purposes**. The Immigration Bureau's official public handbook states that the permitted stay under this procedure must not exceed **15 days**.^[3]

3. Eligibility and requirements

- **Nationality:** the applicant must be a national of a country designated as eligible for VoA and hold a passport issued by that country.
- **Passport:** a valid passport or travel document with at least **30 days' validity**.
- **Purpose:** entry must be for tourism and the intended stay must not exceed **15 days**.
- **Return/onward travel:** a confirmed ticket showing departure from Thailand within **15 days from the date of arrival**.
- **Accommodation:** a verifiable address in Thailand; proof of hotel reservation is included in the Immigration Bureau's document checklist.
- **Financial means:** at least **THB 10,000 per person** or **THB 20,000 per family**, or a credit card that can be presented for inspection.
- **Photograph:** one recent photograph, **4 x 6 cm**, taken no more than six months before the application.
- **Immigration admissibility:** the applicant must not be prohibited from entering Thailand under the Immigration Act.

4. Documents to prepare

- Passport.
- Completed **TM.88 - Application for Visa on Arrival**.
- One recent 4 x 6 cm photograph.

- Confirmed return/onward ticket within 15 days.
- Proof of hotel reservation / verifiable accommodation in Thailand.
- Boarding pass.
- Evidence of sufficient funds, if requested by the immigration officer.
- Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) confirmation.

5. Visa fee

Visa fee	THB 2,000 per person
Payment	Thai currency only
Refundability	Non-refundable

The official TM.88 form states: visa fee THB 2,000 per person, Thai currency only, non-refundable.[4]

6. Where and how the Visa on Arrival is issued

The VoA is issued **after arrival in Thailand** at designated immigration checkpoints. The Immigration Bureau describes the service as an application made at designated checkpoints under Immigration Division 2. The applicant submits the required documents to the Visa on Arrival section, where an immigration officer checks the documents and eligibility, issues the visa if approved, and collects the visa fee.[3]

Practical sequence at an international airport: after arrival, follow the signs for "Visa on Arrival" before proceeding through the ordinary immigration/passport-control process. Present the application and supporting documents to the VoA officer.

7. Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)

TDAC is mandatory and is not a visa.

All non-Thai nationals entering Thailand must complete the Thailand Digital Arrival Card online before entry. It should be submitted within the three-day period before arrival, including the date of arrival.[5][6]

Information required for TDAC includes passport details, flight number and arrival date, address in Thailand, purpose of travel, health declaration information and an email address. The official Immigration Bureau guidance also specifies that the information must be entered in English.[5][6]

Official TDAC portal: <https://tdac.immigration.go.th>

8. Important distinction

Visa on Arrival (VoA)	A visa issued at a designated Thai immigration checkpoint upon arrival, subject to eligibility and approval.
TDAC	A mandatory digital arrival card. It is not a visa and does not replace the VoA requirement.

9. Recommended notice to travellers

Travellers are advised to verify their passport validity, carry printed or readily accessible copies of their return/onward ticket and accommodation confirmation, prepare the required photograph, have sufficient funds available, and complete the TDAC before travel. The final decision on admission and issuance of a Visa on Arrival remains with the competent Thai immigration authorities.

10. Effective date

The new Visa on Arrival eligibility for citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan takes effect on 15 September 2026. Travellers arriving before that date remain subject to the rules applicable at the time of their arrival.[1][2]

Official sources

The information in this note has been compiled from official Thai government and diplomatic sources. Accessed 4 September 2026.

[1] Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand

Summary of the Weekly Press Briefing, 3 September 2026 - Revision of Thailand's visa exemption and Visa on Arrival schemes.
<https://www.mfa.go.th/en/content/pb-summary-03092026-en>

[2] Royal Thai Embassy, Helsinki

Updated Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme (30 Days), Effective 15 September 2026 - identifies Azerbaijan, Belarus and Serbia as the three VoA-eligible nationalities and states the THB 2,000 visa fee.
<https://helsinki.thaiembassy.org/en/publicservice/updated-tourist-visa-exemption-scheme-30-days-effective-15-september-2>

[3] Immigration Bureau, Royal Thai Police

Public Handbook: Application for Visa on Arrival at designated immigration checkpoints - eligibility, 15-day stay, passport validity, return ticket, financial means, accommodation, photograph and document checklist.
<https://tak.immigration.go.th/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/08-List-of-Public-Handbook-English.pdf>

[4] Immigration Bureau - TM.88

Application for Visa on Arrival form - states THB 2,000 per person, Thai currency only, non-refundable.
<https://phrae.immigration.go.th/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/1.12-%E0%B8%A3%E0%B8%B0%E0%B9%80%E0%B8%9A%E0%B8%B5%E0%B8%A2%E0%B8%9A-%E0%B8%AA%E0%B8%95%E0%B8%A1-%E0%B8%A7%E0%B9%88%E0%B8%B2%E0%B8%94%E0%B9%89%E0%B8%A7%E0%B8%A2%E0%B8%AB%E0%B8%A5%E0%B8%B1%E0%B8%81%E0%B9%80%E0%B8%81%E0%B8%93%E0%B8%91%E0%B9%8C%E0%B8%AF.pdf>

[5] Thailand Immigration Bureau

Thailand Digital Arrival Card - official user guide.
<https://tdac.immigration.go.th/manual/en/>

[6] Thailand Immigration Bureau

Thailand Digital Arrival Card - official FAQ.
<https://tdac.immigration.go.th/manual/en/faq.html>

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