

Subject: Permission for an alien who has been granted Non-Immigrant Visa Class O-A
(not exceeding 1 year) to temporarily stay in the Kingdom

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According to the Immigration Bureau's urgent letter no.0029.142/160 dated January 14, 2008 concerning the practice for permitting an alien to temporarily stay in the Kingdom no.4 paragraph 2 appointed an immigration officer to permit an alien, who has been granted Non-Immigrant Visa with the letter "A" after the purpose of visiting's code, to stay in the Kingdom for not exceeding 1 year counting from the date of arrival in the Kingdom.

On April 2, 2019, the Cabinet resolved and approved in principle to add a criterion concerning a health insurance's requirement for an alien applying for Non-Immigrant Visa Class O-A with the purpose of retirement. (not exceeding 1 year)

Therefore, when an alien, who has been granted Non-Immigrant Visa Class O-A from an overseas Royal Thai Embassy with the purpose of retirement (not exceeding 1 year), enters the Kingdom, an immigration officer shall abide by the following practices for permitting an alien to stay in the Kingdom, effective from October 31, 2019 onwards:

1.An alien, who has been granted Non-Immigrant Visa Class O-A for single entry or multiple entry and enters the Kingdom for the first time, will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a coverage period of health insurance for not exceeding 1 year. An immigration officer shall check any remarks on a visa issued by an overseas Royal Thai Embassy for consideration and approval.

2.An alien, who has been granted Non-Immigrant Visa Class O-A for multiple entry and enters the Kingdom from the second time onwards, will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for the remaining coverage period of health insurance for not exceeding 1 year.

3.An alien, who has been granted Non-Immigrant Visa Class O-A for multiple entry but the coverage period of health insurance has already expired, even if the visa is still valid, will not be permitted to enter the Kingdom. However, the said alien can buy a health insurance in Thailand in order to be permitted to enter the Kingdom for a coverage period of health insurance for not exceeding 1 year.

4.In case of the permission of stay in the Kingdom exceeds the coverage period of health insurance, an immigration officer shall apply mutatis mutandis the Order of the Immigration Bureau no.115/2553 dated June 29, 2010 concerning the Amendment of an immigration stamp in a passport and the Order of the Immigration Bureau no.79/2557 dated April 1, 2014 concerning the Guideline in case of an alien's granted permission of stay in Kingdom is not meet a visa class or visa exemption.

Please be informed and proceed accordingly.

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