



FACT SHEET: EVIDENCE OF INCOME FOR LONG-STAY VISAS

Beginning January 1, 2019, the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok and the U.S. Consulate General in Chiang Mai will no longer provide the income affidavit and will not notarize previous versions of the income affidavit.

Fact: Applicants for the Kingdom of Thailand's nonimmigrant category "O," "O-A," or "O-X" (long stay) visa can find information regarding visa requirements on the following Royal Thai Government websites (see below): [Kingdom of Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Royal Thai Embassy \(Washington, D.C.\)](#), and [Royal Thai Immigration Bureau](#).

Fact: The Kingdom of Thailand requires minimum income or savings standards as one of the criteria for applying for the nonimmigrant category "O," "O-A," or "O-X" (long stay) visa for retirees and non-Thais married to Thai nationals.

Fact: The U.S. Embassy and Consulate General can neither verify nor guarantee the income of U.S. citizens applying for visas to Thailand. Personal incomes often come from several disparate sources, both private and governmental.

Fact: The U.S. Embassy and Consulate General **do not guarantee** the contents of any notarized document. U.S. consular officers have *never* certified or verified the income claimed on the income affidavits. Their primary role is to verify the identity of the person signing a document.

Fact: The Royal Thai government is aware that the income affidavit provided by the U.S. Embassy Bangkok and Consulate General Chiang Mai is not actual evidence of income.

Fact: The U.S. Embassy and Consulate General are not required by Thai law to provide an income affidavit template for U.S. citizens to use for Thai visa applications. The periodic acceptance of the affidavit in lieu of actual income evidence has been a matter of informal practice rather than regulation.

Fact: U.S. citizens must work directly with the Royal Thai Government to determine if they meet Thai visa requirements. The U.S. Embassy and Consulate General do not have a role in securing a Thai visa for U.S. citizens.

Fact: The U.S. Embassy and Consulate General will work closely with Thai immigration officials during the transition period to minimize any confusion.

Resources

U.S. Mission Thailand: <https://th.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/local-resources-of-u-s-citizens/notaries-public/>

Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/4908/15398-Issuance-of-Visa.htm>

Royal Thai Embassy (Washington, D.C.): <http://thaiembdc.org/visas/>

Thailand Immigration Bureau: https://www.immigration.go.th/content/service_22

