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# VISA ESSENTIALS

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# YOUR VISA COMPANION

The information in this chapter is sensitive for changes, especially during the pandemic, so please double-check the current situation beforehand and keep yourself updated.

Most countries require a passport and a visa for long term residency and studying. The information given on this document is general. Please contact the Thai embassy in your home country before applying for a visa. Applying for a student visa is a part of your study abroad experience. Student visa holders are required fulfill the minimum study requirements set by the destination country and the host university. We recommend you have a look at the [visa instructions](#).

Students must keep in mind that the visa procedures vary from country to country, between different embassies in a country, and sometimes even depending on the clerk at the embassy. Asia Exchange recommends that students take care of visa-related matters before leaving for the destination. Check the latest updates on applying for visas, on the required documents, as well as on the opening hours of the embassy on the embassy's website, or by calling the embassy directly. The embassies are open according to the public and religious holidays of the country they represent, as well as the holidays of the country they are in.



## Student Visa in Thailand: Non-Immigrant Visa ED

In Thailand, student visa's type is Non-Immigrant Visa ED. The Thai Embassy grants single and multiple entry visas (12 months) for the purpose of studying in Thailand. If your stay in Thailand (i.e. the dates of your flights to and from the country) exceeds 3 months by even one day, or if you wish to travel to other countries during your studies, the hassle-free option is to apply for a 12- month multiple entry visa. If you plan to leave the country less than 3 times during the semester, you can also get a single-entry visa and then buy re-entry permits. This might save you some money, but Asia Exchange recommends students to apply for the multiple-entry visa. It will give you some more flexibility and allows you to be more spontaneous as well.

A passport with validity of 18 months has sometimes been required when applying for a one-year Multiple Entry Visa. Check the latest requirements directly with the Thai embassy in your country. Some embassies may not grant multiple entry visas at all.

## Visa Application and Required Documents

The official acceptance letter from Kasetsart University is needed as one of the attachments when applying for the visa. Check the other required attachments on the Thai embassy's website.

In some countries the Thai Embassy has sometimes required students to present a copy of an airline ticket that proves that they will leave the country at some point. The flight has had to be from Thailand to the student's home country or, for example, to a country neighboring Thailand. If your return schedule is still unclear, you can consider buying an affordable ticket, for example, from Air Asia to a neighboring country. It is most often possible to change the dates of the flights for a moderate fee. One option is to exit Thailand with a ferry or a bus and present a proof of this if requested. KILROY travels, for example, sells tickets with changeable dates for students.

### **If you wish to send your visa application by mail:**

- Send it as a registered letter and remember to include the postage for the return envelope, which you should also send in with your application.
- Include sufficient postage for the return envelope to also be sent as a registered letter. o Also remember to enclose your passport as the visa will be attached to it.
- The embassy does not accept liability for lost letters, if they have not been registered.

## Copy of your passport

When travelling abroad, always carry a copy of your passport with you. It's also a good idea to have electronic copies of all your official documents in your email.

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The world has an interesting way of giving great experiences  
to the ones who are passionate about their dreams.

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