Qualification for Smart Visa

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SMART Visa Program

Thailand has been making a series of efforts in driving the economy through innovation. The Thai Government has taken another step to attract talents and technologies with a view to further developing its targeted industries or the so called S-Curve industries. The SMART Visa program has then been designed to enhance Thailand's attractiveness in drawing science and technology experts, senior executives, investors and startups. The program is due to be launched on **February 1, 2018**.

What is SMART Visa?

The SMART Visa is a new type of visa designed to attract highly skilled manpower and investors to help accelerate the development of the country's targeted industries. SMART Visa is offered to foreign experts, executives, entrepreneurs and investors who wish to enter into the Kingdom of Thailand to work or to invest in the following "10 S-Curve industries" or the country's targeted industries.

Targeted Industries

- Next-Generation Automotive
- Smart Electronics
- Affluent, Medical and Wellness Tourism
- Agriculture and Biotechnology
- Food for the Future
- Automation and Robotics
- Aviation and Logistics
- Biofuels and Biochemicals
- Digital
- Medical Hub

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SMART S (Startup)

Technology-based startup entrepreneurs in the targeted industries
Application for 2-year visa: Foreigners who have already established a certified startup company in Thailand.

1. Having established a startup company in Thailand, certified as being the ones in the targeted industries by relevant government agencies such as the National Innovation Agency (Public Organization) and Digital Economy Promotion Agency.

2. Holding no less than 25% of the company's registered capital or a position of a director of the abovementioned company.

3. Having a deposit of no less than 600,000 Baht or equivalent in a bank account in Thailand or in the country of his/her nationality or residence, which has been held for at least 3 months.

4. In the case of being accompanied by spouses and children, an additional amount of deposit of no less than 180,000 Baht per person or equivalent is required in a bank account in Thailand or in the country of his/her nationality or residence, which has been held for at least 3 months.

5. Having health insurance covering the entire period of stay in Thailand for the applicant as well as spouse and children.

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SMART O (Other)

Spouse and legitimate children of Smart Visa holders.

1. Must be the legal dependants (spouse and children) of Smart visa holder Type " S " 2-year visa
2. Children must be under 20 years old (Except children of Smart "T" holders who are over 20 years old can apply for Smart "O" under certain conditions).
3. Spouses and children must have an additional amount of deposit of no less than 180,000 Baht per person or equivalent is required in a bank account in Thailand or in the country of his/her nationality or residence, which has been held for at least 3 months.
4. Having health insurance covering the entire period of stay in Thailand for the applicant as well as spouse and children.