



Thailand TEFL Internship: Visa FAQs

Which visa do I need to apply for?

You'll need to apply for a 60-day tourist visa.

When you are applying, you need to state that you're travelling for leisure. The tourist visa covers you for the internship as it is a cultural exchange. It can cause confusion if you mention that you are teaching because they may assume you need a work visa. As you aren't employed by the school, you don't need a work visa and you wouldn't have the correct paperwork to get one.

How do I apply for my visa?

If you are from the UK, you will need to complete an online e-visa application form. This can be found at the Royal Thai Embassy, London, UK - <http://www.thaiembassy.org/london/en/>

For all other nationalities, you'll need to contact your local Thai embassy.

Will I need to send my passport to the visa office?

Yes. The visa is a sticker that is stuck in your passport so they will need your physical passport to do this. You can either go to the embassy in person or post it to them. If you are posting your passport, we would recommend using recorded/special delivery for guaranteed delivery.

When do I need to apply for my visa?

You need to apply for your visa within 3 months of your departure date. Your visa will be issued with 3 months to use it so if you apply too early, it will expire before you use it.

What do I need to do if I want to stay in Thailand for longer than 60 days?

You are able to extend your 60-day tourist visa in country for up to 30 days. This is at the discretion of the visa office and may not always be possible. Alternatively, you can leave Thailand to a neighbouring country and on return, you will be issued with a 30-day tourist visa on arrival.

Do I need an exit flight?

At check in, they should ask you for proof of an exit flight from Thailand. This rule is very rarely followed as many people travel to Thailand without definite onward plans. On the rare occasion that they would ask, you can book a bus or flight to a neighbouring country.

What shall I put as my address for when I'm in Thailand?

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