

(Unofficial Translation)

Announcement of the Office of the Board of Investment

No.Por.6 /2568

Application Procedure for Qualification Endorsement for Alien Persons Seeking Smart Visa

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Subsequent to the Announcement of the Office of the Board of Investment No. Por.5/2568 dated February 18, 2568, regarding Qualification, Criteria, and Conditions for Smart Visa;

By virtue of Section 13 of the Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520 (1977) and the Cabinet's resolutions dated January 13, 2025, the Office of the Board of Investment hereby repeals the Announcement of the Office of the Board of Investment No. Por. 13/2561 dated December 18, 2018, on Process of Certification of Qualifications for Alien Persons Wishing to Apply for Smart Visa and issue the following announcement:

1. Application Submission

Alien persons who wish to apply for qualification endorsement must submit the application to the Office of the Board of Investment (OBOI) at the One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit (OSS) or to the Royal Thai Embassy or Thai Consulate in foreign countries, and such agency shall forward the application to the One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit.

2. Qualification endorsement process

2.1 The One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit shall forward the application to relevant agencies within 3 working days from the date of receipt to undertake the following processes:

2.1.1 Verification of targeted industries by the relevant agencies such as the National Innovation Agency (Public Organization), the Digital Economy Promotion Agency, and others.

2.1.2 Certification of startup enterprises in Thailand's targeted industries by the relevant agencies such as the National Innovation Agency (Public Organization), the Digital Economy Promotion Agency, and others.

2.1.3 Investigation of Criminal record and background by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2.1.4 Verification by the Immigration Bureau that the applicant is not classified as a prohibited person for entry into the country under immigration laws.

2.1.5 Verification by the Department of Employment to ensure that the applicant's work does not fall under a prohibited profession as defined by law.

2.2 Relevant agencies under Items 2.1.1 – 2.1.5 shall notify the One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit of the results within 20 working days from the date of receiving the application.

2.3 One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit shall consider and screen the applicant under the Announcement on Qualifications and notify the results within 7 working days from the date of receiving the notification under Item 2.2 as follows:

2.3.1 In cases where the applicant does not meet the qualification criteria

The OSS shall notify the applicant and/or relevant agencies of the result, as applicable.

2.3.2 In cases where the applicant meets the qualification criteria:

(1) The OSS shall notify the applicant of the result, requiring the applicant to apply for a Smart Visa at the One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit, the Royal Thai Embassy or Thai Consulate in foreign countries, the Eastern Economic Corridor's Labor Administration Center or other agencies determined by the Immigration Bureau within 60 days of issuance date of the qualification endorsement letter.

(2) The OSS shall notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Immigration Bureau, the EEC Labor Administration Center, or any other agencies designated by the Immigration Bureau of the results and inform them to proceed with the relevant actions.

3. Dependents, including the lawful spouse and legitimate children, may submit the application under Item 1 either simultaneously with the alien person they are accompanying or at a later time. The OSS shall review and forward the application for processing under Items 2.1.3 to 2.1.5, as applicable, and shall proceed with notifying the results in accordance with Item 2.3.

4. Alien persons who wish to continue to reside temporarily in the Kingdom after the expiration of the permission period shall submit the application under Item 1 at least 60 days before the expiry date of permission.

5. The alien person shall submit an annual status report, as prescribed by the OBOI, to provide updated information and confirm their status each year from the date of temporary residence permission in the Kingdom.

6. The qualification endorsement process for a Smart Visa shall be completed within 30 working days from the date of submission of a duly completed application, including all required documents and evidence, in accordance with the specified conditions.

7. In cases where the right grantees wish to renounce their right to reside in the Kingdom under the Smart Visa, they must submit a written notice to the One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit. The OSS shall then notify the relevant agencies to take the necessary actions as applicable.

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