



Permanent Thailand Residency

Thailand does allow permanent residency if one qualifies. However, most expats seem to prefer extending their stay on an annual basis. The following information is provided on [Thai Immigration's website](#) for those that might be interested - the following is a general summary of this information:

Quota

Permanent residency is permitted for a specified number of individuals each year. There is a quota allocated by nationality.

Minimum Requirements

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be the holder of a Non-Immigrant Visa
- Have been granted one year extensions of stay within Thailand for 3 consecutive years
- Have a criminal records check (if 14 years of age or older)
- Provide information on his/her income, assets, knowledge, vocational ability, and family status as may be required for consideration
- Must be able to understand and speak the Thai language

Categories

Additionally they must fall under one of the following categories as set out in Section 2 and meet the qualifications stipulated in Section 3 for that category contained in the [Regulation for Permanent Residency](#):

- Investment (Qualifications in Section 3.1)
- Employment (Qualifications in Section 3.2)
- Humanitarian reasons shown in Section 2.3 (Qualifications in Section 3.3)
- Expert (Qualifications in Section 3.4)
- Extras circumstances on a case by case basis (Qualifications in Section 3.5)

[Guidelines](#) regarding the process and quota requirements are provided by Immigration.

Fees

Although the application fee of 7,600 Baht (non-refundable) may not be considered large, the 191,400 Baht fee upon approval is substantial (95,700 Baht if spouse or child under 20 years of age for of an alien that already has a resident permit).