



Work Permit Flow Chart (under the Alien Working Act)
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1. If you have a company that wishes to employ you, obtain the list of required documents from the Thai Consulate in your country and ask your prospective employer to send to you all such required documents.
2. You may enter Thailand on a Tourist Visa to set up your own company or alternatively you may do it remotely by using a professional in Thailand to set up the company for you. To the extent the business activities are restricted for foreigners you may opt for a 'preference structure' with a Thai partner see <http://www.seasialegal.com/doing-business-in-thailand/>. Once the company is incorporated, one of your employees will apply for a Work Permit on behalf of your company.
3. Tourist Visa/Exemption/Visa on Arrival can be converted into Non-Imm B Visa without leaving Thailand as long as there is still 15 days left on it but if you stay in Thailand on any type of Non-Imm Visa, you cannot convert it to a Non-Imm 'B' Visa and must leave Thailand to obtain it in your national/resident country or in a neighboring country (if not prohibited nationality).
4. Apply at the Thai Consulate in your national/resident country or in a neighboring country (if not prohibited nationality) and submit all required documents from you and from the company that will employ you.
5. As people misused gaining entry to Thailand for 90 days, and thereafter, failed to apply for a work permit, now the Thai Employer must pre-apply for Work Permit and within 30 days of entry Work Permit must be issued.