

# Traveling documents

Passengers traveling overseas should check the validity of the following documents:

1. Passport must have a validity of more than 6 months. An exception may be made depending on the country concerned but this depends on their regulations.
2. Visa Individuals are recommended to check travel-related information at respective embassies, as each country has different requirements for foreign nationals' entry.





# Passport

**Is a passenger's identification document issued by national government and proof of citizenship contains a photograph and identification information such as nationality , age , sex , place of birth**



## **Type of Thai passport**

- **Ordinary passport (maroon cover) - Issued for ordinary travel, such as vacations and business trips. (Valid five years)**
- **Official passport (dark blue cover) - Issued to individuals representing the Thai government or a government officer on official business.**
- **Diplomatic passport (red cover) - Issued to members of the Thai royal family, top ranking government officials, and diplomatic couriers.**
- **Hajj passport - Issued to Thai Muslims for a pilgrimage to Mecca. (Valid for two years.)**

- **Certificate of Identity (C.I.)** - Issued to a Thai citizen who has had a passport stolen, lost, or damaged for emergency return to Thailand. (C.I. valid for 10 days and expires when the holder reenters Thailand.)
- **Travel Document for Alien (yellow cover)** - Issued to non-Thai citizens who hold a certificate of Permanent Residence in Thailand for traveling abroad. The holder of this travel document must apply for a re-entry permit before leaving Thailand. A Travel Document for Alien will not be issued to a person who holds a valid passport from their country.
- **Temporary passport (dark green cover)** - Issued while waiting to get a new passport while abroad and when needed to travel to other countries. (Valid for one year and must be returned when the new passport is received.)





# **Thai Passport : Electronic Passport**

## **What is an e-Passport?**

**It is an electronic passport which contains technical specifications that comply with the standards set out by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). It differs from a non-electronic Passport via to the following characteristics:**

- It contains biometric data such as finger prints and facial features in a contactless integrated circuit which is embedded in all e-Passports.**
- It is readable by the automatic gates at immigration checkpoints which automatically verify that the embedded information matches that of the bearer.**



## **Why is an e-Passport better than a non-electronic Passport?**

- 1 e-Passports contain security features to prevent the contribute to the international effort to counter transnational terrorist activities, illegal entry into the Kingdom, etc.**
- 2 e-Passports improve the verification process at Thai immigration checkpoints which facilitates traveling, entry into the Kingdom, and promotes tourism.**
- 3 e-Passports give the international community more confidence in Thai passports which boost the Kingdom's image and economy by attracting more investors and tourists.**

**Thailand e-passports have been issued since August 2005. The previous model of Thai passport before August 2005 is still valid until expired date specified in the passport and extension of the pre-model of e-passports is not allowed.**



## e-Passport Application Process

The applicant must apply in person because the applicant's biometric data has to be captured via the following steps:

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- An Office's authorized personnel measures the applicant's height, captures the applicant's biometric data via taking the applicant's picture and fingerprints (print right and left index fingers separately twice using a scanner).
- Verify and sign to certify the applicant's information.
- Apply for postage service ( see e-Passport Pick-up)

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- Pay application fee and postage service fee.
- Obtain receipt and notification of the e-Passport pick-up date or notification of postage service.



## **Validity for e-Passports**

- To maintain the quality and usability of e-Passports, the ordinary e-Passports are valid for 5 years.**
- No extension of validity will be granted and a new e-Passport will be issued when the current one expires.**
- Amendments to e-Passport bearers' information are not allowed (i.e. changes to the bearer's name or surname) as corrections will create problems because they will clash with the information already captured in the embedded microchip. Therefore, any amendments must first be reported to the Ministry of Interior before the bearer can apply for a new e-Passport.**

## **Application Fee**

**e-Passport application fee : 1,000 Baht**  
**postage service (EMS ) fee : 35 Baht**

## Type of e-passport

1. Ordinary e-passport
2. Buddhist / monk e-passport
3. official e-passport



## **Thai passport includes the following data:**

- **Photograph of the holder (digital image printed on page)**
- **Type/('P' for ordinary / 'O' for official / 'D' for diplomatic)**
- **Country code('THA' for Thailand)**
- **Passport number**
- **Surname**
- **Title Name (MR./MS./MRS./Master holder's name)**
- **Name in Thai**
- **Nationality('THAI')**
- **Personal No. (same as Thai National Identification Card)**
- **Place of birth(only the city or town is listed)**

- Date of birth(in DD-MMM-YYYY format, such as 14-DEC-1989)
- Sex('M' or 'F')
- Date of issue
- Date of expiry(five years from date of issue)
- Authority (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS / ROYAL THAI EMBASSY / ROYAL THAI CONSULATE GENERAL)
- Height(in meters)
- Signature of bearer (hand-written signature or finger print)
- **Machine Readable Zone** starting with P<THA



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**There are 7 types of passport**

**Regular/ordinary passport**

**Official passport**

**Diplomatic passport**

**Stateless person's passport**

**Seaman passport**

**United nation passport**

**Emergency or Temporary passport**



**Regular/ordinary passport:** all citizens .Is a regular passport by their government , color vary to country



**Official passport:** issued to government officials or employees who traveling abroad on official business , color vary to country

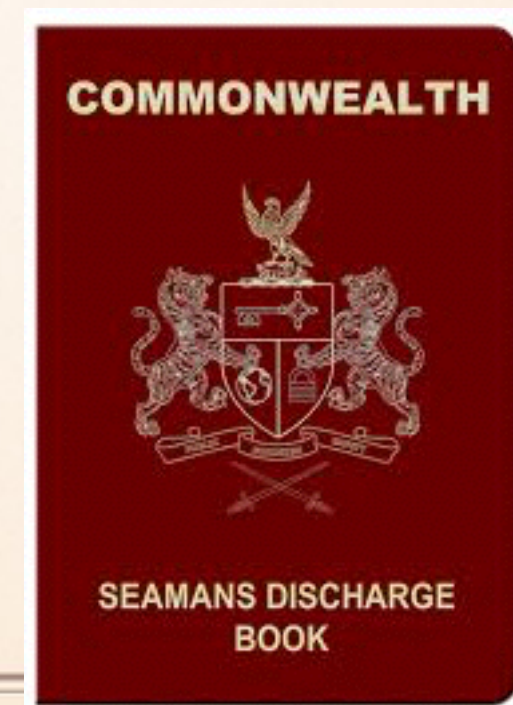
**Diplomatic passport:** issued to foreign service officers and their family members who are traveling on official business of diplomatic , color vary to country





**Stateless person's passport:** Issued to individuals who can't obtain a passport from their country of origin known as refugee passport

**Seaman's passport:** issued to crew members aboard commercial transport and pleasure ship . known as seaman book or seafarer's





**United Nation's official passport:** issued to an employee of a UN and other international organization

**Emergency or temporary passport:** issued to person who lost passport and required immediate travel



# REFERENCE

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