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THAILAND

Non-Immigrant R (religious)

Facts as at 10/10/2026

Who this is for

Persons undertaking religious work or religious study recognised by Thai authorities.

At a glance

The Non-Immigrant visa, category "R", is for people who want to carry out missionary work or other religious activities with the approval of the Thai authorities concerned. It is valid for 3 months, or 1 year with multiple entries, and each entry gives up to 90 days. Qualifying holders can apply in Thailand for a one-year extension of stay; this is at the Immigration officer's discretion.
Who it is for: Persons undertaking religious work or religious study recognised by Thai authorities.
Stay: Up to 90 days per entry, extendable in Thailand at Immigration's discretion
Validity: 3 months, or 1 year multiple entry

Why people choose it

For religious work recognised by Thai authorities. Not paid corporate employment.

Eligibility

What you need to show: MFA: approval from Department of Religious Affairs, Ministry of Education.
Immigration: monk/nun/priest studying Buddhism or religious activities pathways.
Work: Religious activity — not paid corporate employment.
Sponsor: Religious organisation / Department of Religious Affairs approval as required.
Other conditions: Non-Immigrant stay framework extensions as applicable.

Income & Capital requirements

An amount of no less than 30,000 THB, demonstrated through evidence such as bank statements for the last three months or a sponsor letter

Documents

A passport valid for at least 6 months (18 months for a one-year visa), a completed application, a recent photo, proof of funds, and an official letter certifying the purpose of travel

Your quote

Fees are confirmed in your personal quote.