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SMART Visa

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Who this is for

Talent, investors, executives, and startups in BOI targeted industries (and their Smart O dependents).

At a glance

The SMART visa from Thailand's Board of Investment is for founders of certified technology startups in targeted industries (SMART S). It gives a renewable visa of up to 2 years, permission to work in the certified business without a separate work permit, 1-year reporting instead of 90-day reporting, and no re-entry permit. A spouse and children can join on a SMART O visa for the same period, and the spouse can work.
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Stay: Up to 2 years; 1-year reporting
Validity: Up to 2 years, renewable
Renewal: Renewable

Why people choose it

Official SMART Visa programme for talent, investment, executives, and startups.

Eligibility

What you need to show: A startup in Thailand certified by an agency such as the National Innovation Agency or the Digital Economy Promotion Agency health insurance for the whole stay.
Work: Work-permit exemption claimed for endorsed SMART roles; activity limited to endorsed purpose.
Sponsor: BOI qualification endorsement; employer/investment vehicle as applicable.
Other conditions: Smart S shorter variants). Renewable if criteria met.

Income & Capital requirements

Varies by stream: Smart T salary floors
Smart I investment floors
Smart E salary floor
Smart S deposit — see stream-specific products.
at least 25% of the registered capital or a director role
a deposit of at least 600,000 baht held for 3 months, plus 180,000 baht for each family member

Documents

Biodata page of Passport or Travel Document
Photograph taken within the last six months
Document indicating current location
Letter of qualification endorsement from SMART VISA Unit (BOI)
Targeted-industry fit

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Stream-specific evidence
BOI endorsement then visa issuance via TIESC/Immigration/Embassy/e-Visa

Tier Duration

Max stay up to 4 years (category-dependent

Your quote

Fees are confirmed in your personal quote.