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Seminar on U.S. Trade Policy: Implications for Thai Exporters

Business Visas for Thai Exporters

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A U.S. Visa for
business purposes
is:

1. A travel document
to facilitate business
2. Permission to
request entry to the
United States





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Some Types of U.S. Business Visas

Temporary Visitor Visas	
B-1	Temporary visitor for business
B-1/B-2	Combined Business / Tourist
Transit and Crew Visas	
C-1/D	Combined transit and crewman
Treaty Trader and Investor Visas	
E-1	Treaty Trader, spouse and children
E-2	Treaty Investor, spouse, children
Intracompany Transferee Visas	
L-1A	Executive, managerial
L-1B	Specialized knowledge
L-2	Spouse or child of L-1

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Temporary Visitor Visas: B-1 or Combined B-1/B-2

B-1: Strictly Business

B-1/B-2: A little business,
a little pleasure





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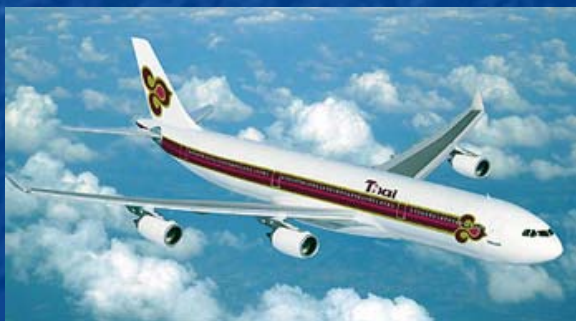
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Transit and Crew Visas : Combined C-1/D

For Airline or Ship Crew on Transit Through the U.S.



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Treaty Traders and Investors: E-1 and E-2 Visas

E-1: Treaty Trader

Trade in goods or services between
Thailand and the U.S.

- (1) Trade must constitute an exchange;
- (2) Trade must be international in scope; and
- (3) Trade must involve qualifying activities.



E-2: Treaty Investor

Personal or corporate investor in
a U.S. business providing a good or service





Intracompany Transferees: L-1A and L-1B Visas

“Intra-company transferee” means an alien who, within three years preceding the time of his or her application for admission into the United States, has been employed abroad continuously for one year by a firm, corporation, or other legal entity or parent, branch, affiliate, or subsidiary thereof, and who seeks to enter the United States temporarily in order to render his or her services to a branch of the same employer or a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary thereof in a capacity that is managerial, executive, or involves specialized knowledge.

Some Examples

- A multinational corporation, with subsidiaries in Thailand and the U.S., transfers a managing director from Thailand to the U.S.;
- A Thai company transfers a specialized engineer to its wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary;
- A U.S. company transfers the Thai Vice President of its Thai subsidiary to the U.S.



How to Apply for a U.S. Visa

1. Pay the Visa Processing Fee
2. Get an Appointment PIN
3. Make an Appointment
4. Prepare Your Documents
5. Purchase the Thai Post Envelope
6. Interview
7. Receive Your Passport & Visa



Visa Fee & Appointment PIN

Visa Processing Fee: \$100 (3600 Baht)
Payable at 247 Thailand Post Branches nationwide,
covering all provinces

Appointment PIN Fee: Website - \$10.00
Phone Service - \$18.00
Purchase online (Visa or MC) or at Thailand Post branch



Making an Appointment and Preparing Your Documents

Available in Thai and English

Online: <http://thailand.us-visaservices.com>

Or by phone: 001-800-13-202-2457 (toll free)

Forms and Document Requirements:

Reservation Website, or <http://evisaforms.state.gov>



Interviewing and Receiving Your Visa

Arrive a half hour before your interview time.

We now take ten fingerprints from all applicants.

Visas are returned through the “Courier Passback” system in association with Thailand Post – the cost is 50 baht.

Visas are normally returned within 5 working days in Bangkok.



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Resources

For more information on visas, please see:

<http://travel.state.gov/>

<http://thailand.usvisaservices.com>

<http://bangkok.usembassy.gov>

<http://www.uscis.gov>

For e-mail inquiries or requests to expedite business-related visa appointments, contact:

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