

## Extend Your Time in Thailand!

Find yourself going back and forth about what to do in the next few months? Not ready to say goodbye to your school and students? Or... are you loving Thailand and looking for a new adventure?

Currently we are looking to fill positions around the country as schools prepare for the next semester and are ready to accept teachers.

So whether you are planning on teaching or travelling next semester, here is an explanation of what your options are to remain in Thailand and how to maintain a legal visa status while you are here.

### How to keep teaching....

If you want to keep teaching in Thailand you have two options:

1. Stay at your current school and extend your current Non-B visa.
2. Move to a new school and apply for a new Non-B visa.

### **Stay at your current school.**

First thing we have to say and can't emphasize enough, staying at your current school under your current Non-B visa is by far the easiest option. Simply speak with your school about the possibility of remaining another semester, and if they accept, all that's left to do is to extend your current paperwork. Poof. Done.

You also have the benefits of spending more time in your community, exploring places you couldn't have possibly found in the last few short months, and getting to know your students and school even better.

### **Move to a new school.**

The second option is to move to a new school in Thailand. Moving to a new school means that you **MUST** change to a new Non-B visa issued by your new school.

Currently in Thailand due to travel restrictions from COVID-19 there are limited options for obtaining a new visa. You can either change your visa in Thailand, or exit Thailand and apply for a new visa, and then re-enter Thailand through the ASQ process.

NOT ALL THAI PROVINCES WILL ALLOW VISAS TO BE CHANGED IN COUNTRY. Only some immigration offices are able to do this. If you move to a new school, you **MUST** confirm with the new school that they will be able to change your current visa to a new Non-B visa within Thailand.

**[See below for information about extending your program with OEG!](#)**

### **How to keep travelling...**

No longer interested in teaching in Thailand but still looking to spend additional time in the Land of Smiles? Your travel plans will only be successful if you make a good plan for your visa.

This will require speaking with your school and your local immigration office in advance.

In order to extend your time in Thailand after your contract is over there are two steps you must take:

Step 1: Cancel your current Non-B visa.

Step 2: Get a new visa (if possible).

### **Cancelling your current visa.**

When you are finished teaching, you must officially cancel your old visa. This will help you to avoid problems with Thai immigration and the Labor Department in the future. Talk to your school about how to cancel these documents. In some cases (depending on your province) you may need to go in person, and have a limited time between cancelling your visa and when you will need to exit Thailand. Good communication with your school is important.

Some schools will be able to hold your visa after you are finished teaching. However, some schools may need to cancel it right away and require you to change to a new visa if possible.

THE DATE THAT IS STAMPED IN YOUR PASSPORT IS LEGALLY THE **LAST DAY** YOU CAN REMAIN IN THAILAND. No grace period, no window, that is the last day. If you overstay your visa you will be charged 500 THB/day and risk being blacklisted and prohibited from entering Thailand in the future.

### **Getting a new visa.**

Now that you've cancelled your old visa, you must change to a new visa. If you plan to travel in Thailand after your teaching contract is over, speak with your local immigration office in advance about what options they have regarding changing your work visa to a tourist visa.

The best time to ask them is sooner rather than later. We suggest that you check in with your local immigration office by the mid of February.

Please note that prior to COVID-19 the only option for getting a tourist visa was to EXIT Thailand and re-enter on a new visa. However, some immigration offices have more options for changing visas in the country, such as "COVID visa". Therefore, you need to speak with your local immigration office directly.

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## Extend with OEG!

Are you interested in extending your time in Thailand but aren't ready to go it alone just yet? If you choose to extend with OEG you will continue to have access to OEG's services. Extend at your current school, or to move to a new school in Thailand within OEG's network of schools!

### Stay at your current school.

What's Included – Same School

- 24/7 emergency and accident support from OEG.
- Visa extension, and work permit extension.
- Continued Thai visa advice and assistance.
- School contract support.

Are you happy with your current school but would just like the assurance of being able to reach out to OEG when you need us? Would your loved ones back home feel better knowing there's someone here in Thailand to help out in case of an emergency? This might be the option for you!

### Move to a new school.

What's Included – New School

- Placement at a reputable Thai school in OEG's network of schools.
- Guaranteed salary of 28,000 - 33,000 THB depending on qualifications.
- Accommodations - starting from your new contract start date.
- Thai visa assistance and support to apply for a new Non-B visa.
- Visa and work permit fees including (reimbursed upon contract completion):
  - Visa and work permit change fees
  - Work permit medical check & photos
  - Thai background check (Royal Thai police in Bangkok)
  - Education affidavit (from US Embassy in Bangkok)
  - Degree legalization (from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok)
- 24/7 emergency and accident support from OEG.
- 20,000 THB two semester contract completion bonus (two semester placements only).

Not Included - New School

- Transportation to Bangkok for Thai background check & to new school.
- Accommodations - from when your old contract ends & new contract begins.
- COVID-19 test - if required by Thai Immigration.
- Visa extension - if additional extension is required (i.e. you need additional time on your old Non-B visa).
- Travel insurance (see below).

If you want to move to a new school, let us know your updated preferences, and we'll match you with a new school, and you'll be guaranteed the same contract and support from OEG at a new school! Meeting placement preferences may be dependent on which schools will be able to process Non-B visa documents. Placements will be processed on a first come first serve basis.

### Eligibility

Extension is available for OEG alumni who've completed their original contract with their school, and can obtain a letter of recommendation from your original placement. If your original contract has not been completed, you are not eligible.

### Insurance Stuff

In order to extend with OEG you are required to provide proof of comprehensive travel insurance. If you have/had an iNext insurance policy through CIEE, it should have a one year validity from when you entered Thailand. If you would like to purchase a new iNext policy, you can visit their website, [iNext.com](http://iNext.com).

### Price

Extend with OEG at the Same School

- One Semester: 4,200 THB
- Two Semesters: 5,000 THB

Extend with OEG at a New School

- One Semester: 8,400 THB
- Two Semesters: 10,200 THB

### Deadline

Placement requests will be met on a first come first serve basis. Deadline to apply for extension with OEG is **[Thursday February 10th, 2022](#)**.

### How to Apply

Follow this link and fill out the application and OEG will be in touch with more instructions!

**[Click here to apply!](#)**