



Thailand's New 30-Day Visa Exemption: Singapore Check

Description

Thailand has approved replacing the broad 60-day exemption with a 30-day visa-free tourism entitlement for citizens of 59 countries and territories. The drafts take effect 15 days after Royal Gazette publication, so Singapore travellers must verify the live commencement and nationality list before departure.

A Singapore passport holder planning a Thailand trip after the July 2026 visa-policy announcement faces a narrower question than the headline suggests: determine the applicable stay entitlement at travel time and avoid relying on the former 60-day headline. The table separates the branches that change the answer before the practical checks and worked example.

Choose the branch before acting

Situation	Practical next step
Trip is 30 days or less	Verify Singapore appears on the effective exemption list and meet entry conditions
Trip exceeds 30 days	Use the official visa route or obtain authority guidance before travel
Already entered before commencement	The announcement says the previously permitted stay continues
Travel date is near transition	Check the Royal Gazette, airline and Thai official channels immediately before departure

The policy announcement is not the commencement notice

Thailand's Government Public Relations Department reported on 15 July 2026 that the Cabinet approved a revised visa framework. The current 60-day exemption for 93 countries and territories is to be withdrawn, with 59 receiving visa-free tourism stays of up to 30 days. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement](#).

The five related drafts take effect 15 days after publication in the Royal Gazette. Cabinet approval and the PRD article therefore do not by themselves provide the exact commencement date. A traveller should verify Gazette publication and the effective nationality list at booking and again before departure. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement](#).

Build the Singapore passport check

The announcement groups 65 countries and territories across revised visa-free, 15-day and Visa-on-Arrival measures. Country counts are not a passport checker. Confirm **Singapore** explicitly in the operative list rather than infer inclusion from a news headline or prior entitlement. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement](#).

Travellers who entered before the new measures take effect may remain for the duration previously permitted, according to the announcement. Preserve the entry stamp or electronic record and seek Thai immigration guidance if departure, extension or re-entry dates cross the transition. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement](#).

Keep TDAC separate from visa permission

The Thailand Digital Arrival Card is a separate arrival-information system and is not a visa or extension. Complete it through the official domain within the permitted window, keep confirmation and avoid agents or lookalike payment sites. A TDAC approval cannot lengthen the authorised stay. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement](#).

Passport validity, onward travel, funds, accommodation and immigration discretion remain relevant at entry. Airlines can require evidence at check-in. Keep a return or onward plan inside the verified stay and allow a buffer rather than schedule departure at the final possible hour. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement](#).

Plan the return around the authorised stay

For a 34-day holiday, four days beyond a 30-day exemption are not a minor itinerary detail. Choose an appropriate visa before travel or shorten the trip. Do not build a plan around an assumed extension or border run; those require current authority confirmation. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement](#).

Save the official policy page, effective notice, passport-list check, TDAC confirmation and flight dates in one folder. Recheck after any rescheduling. If sources conflict, the operative Thai government and immigration information controls over an airline blog or travel agent summary. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement](#).

Put the numbers or sequence to work

A Singapore traveller booked 42 days using the former 60-day assumption. The new announcement points to a future 30-day entitlement but still depends on Gazette commencement. The traveller checks

the operative date and nationality list, then either obtains the suitable visa or moves the return flight. A TDAC submission is not used as a substitute.

The example is a planning model, not a quoted price, official calculator result, medical instruction or promised outcome. Replace its assumptions with the issued notice, live service, signed contract, current timetable or professional advice that controls the real decision.

Before you commit

1. Check Royal Gazette commencement
2. Confirm Singapore on the effective list
3. Count nights and calendar days carefully
4. Choose a visa for a longer stay
5. Complete TDAC only on the official site
6. Keep onward-travel evidence
7. Recheck after flight changes

A useful working note combines a **Gazette-commencement decision branch that avoids false effective dates** with a **34-day and 42-day itinerary test against a 30-day entitlement**. Enter only details that can be tied to a current document or live record.

Missteps that change the answer

- Treating Cabinet approval as immediate commencement
- Assuming the country count proves eligibility
- Calling TDAC a visa
- Planning an overstay or casual border run
- Using the old 60-day rule without rechecking

If one of these conditions appears, pause before payment, submission, travel or implementation and reconcile it through the relevant official service. Save the issued result or acknowledgement; a search snippet or forwarded screenshot cannot establish a current entitlement.

The decision to carry forward

Use the current official record to resolve determine the applicable stay entitlement at travel time and avoid relying on the former 60-day headline. Save the dated result and revisit it when the underlying rule, timetable, account or personal facts change.

Related next steps

Once this decision is settled, you may need to [prepare for Thailand customs](#). The next adjacent check is to [prepare the Johor immigration step](#).

Common questions

Is the new stay 30 days?

The approved framework states up to 30 days for the 59-country visa-free group. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement.](#)

When does it start?

Fifteen days after publication of the related drafts in the Royal Gazette. [Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs e-Visa portal.](#)

Does TDAC grant entry permission?

No. It is separate from visa or exemption entitlement. [Thailand Government PRD visa-policy announcement.](#)

Rules, service details and schedules can change. Reopen the linked official page before acting when the date, eligibility, payment destination, safety instruction or live availability is decisive.

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