Your child's visa, made simple

For international families: which visa you need, who prepares what, and each step.



1 Find your child's visa

Is your child a Thai national? → Yes → **No visa needed**
Enrol with your child's Thai passport or ID card.

No

Does a parent work in Thailand or hold an LTR visa? → Yes → **Dependant visa** · Non-Immigrant O or LTR dependant
Linked to the parent's visa, via the employer or the BOI.

No

For your child	For one parent living with your child
Student visa · Non-Immigrant ED	**Guardian visa** · Non-Immigrant O

See step 2 ↓

Not accepted: ✕ Tourist visa ✕ Visa-free entry ✕ Visa on arrival or transit ✕ A visa application receipt

2 The student visa journey

Applying from outside Thailand

	1 Offer accepted	2 Before travel	3 Travel day	4 Living here	5 Every year
SBS Bangkok	**Visa letters** Once the first term is paid.	We prepare the school documents. Your family applies and attends Immigration.			**School letter** For each yearly extension.
Your family	**Accept and pay** The offer and first term's fees.	**Apply online** thaievisa.go.th, a month ahead.	**Arrival card** Online TDAC before you land.	**90-day report** Report your address.	**Extend stay** At Immigration, with our letter.

Already in Thailand? A tourist visa or visa-free stay cannot be used to start school. Changing visa inside Thailand is a last resort with a low chance of approval, so please apply from abroad.

3 Document checklist

SBS Bangkok provides

- ✓ Cover letter to the Thai embassy or Immigration
- ✓ Student status certificate
- ✓ A set of tuition fee receipts
- ✓ Establishment documents and a power of attorney

School document fee: **THB 800** per person, per application

Your family prepares, in English or translated

- ☐ Child's passport (6+ months, 2 blank pages) and photo
- ☐ Certified birth certificate in English, naming both parents
- ☐ Parents' passports; marriage or custody papers
- ☐ Bank statements for the last 3 to 6 months
- ☐ Notarised consent if one parent travels alone
- ☐ Police clearance, if the embassy asks

1 month — Apply at least this far ahead

Every 90 days — Report your address

Re-entry permit — Before any trip abroad

THB 500,000 — In a Thai bank, for the guardian parent

Questions? The SBS Bangkok Admissions team will guide you.

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