

SPI Newsletter

## IMMIGRATION BUREAU ANNOUNCES ANNUAL QUOTA FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE APPLICATIONS

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Each year, the Ministry of Interior sets a quota for permanent residency applications in the Kingdom of Thailand.

On 18 September 2018, the Immigration Bureau announced the “Notification of Immigration Bureau regarding Permanent Residency Application Window for 2018” (**Notification**). The Notification specifies that 2018 Thai permanent residence applications are limited to **100 persons per nationality**.

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In considering the nationality quota, a country or countries of a sovereign state shall be considered as one nationality, and each sovereign state shall be considered as one country. Fifty stateless persons’ applications will also be considered.

### When is the application period?

A permanent residence application may be submitted in Bangkok between 19 September 2018 and 28 December 2018 at the Sub-division 1, Immigration Division 1, Government Complex, Building B, 2 Floor, Counter D, 120 Moo 3, Chaengwattana Road, Thungsonghong Sub-District, Bangkok 10210.

For other provinces, please contact any local Immigration Office/Checkpoint for further details.

### Who can apply?

A foreign national may qualify to apply for a residence permit if he/she:

1. has stayed in Thailand for at least 3 consecutive years with a Non-Immigrant Visa based on one-year visa extensions; and
2. has personal qualifications that fit one of the following categories:
  - (a) Investment category;
  - (b) Working/Business category;
  - (c) Humanity reasons – he/she must have a relationship with a Thai citizen or an alien who already possesses a residence permit in one of the prescribed categories:
    - (i) a legal husband or wife;
    - (ii) a legal mother or father; or
    - (iii) a child who is under 20 years of age and single;
  - (d) Expert category; or
  - (e) Extra circumstances on a case by case basis.

## Need assistance?

Siam Premier's Immigration team has been assisting corporations, families and individuals on all aspects of Thai immigration law for over 25 years.

For further information on the required qualifications of each category or to enquire about obtaining legal assistance in preparing your residency application to meet the 28 December 2018 deadline, please contact us on Tel: +66 2 646 1888 or Email: [suwit@siampremier.com](mailto:suwit@siampremier.com)

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