

What you need to do after your ED visa is approved

1. When the student returns to Thailand with a 90 days Non-Immigrant ED visa, the student MUST bring their passport to The Knowledge within 7 days after their arrival.

The Knowledge will submit the information of a students for the second letter. The student should keep in touch with The Knowledge regularly getting updates on the process. If the student does not submit their passport within 7 days of their arrival, will affect the student's next visa extension at the Department of Immigration Changwattana.

The ED visa to study Thai is NOT a 6-month, 8-month, 12 month, or 14 months visa your passport is stamped with a 90-day visa which can be extended to a maximum of 8 months. Therefore, even if you enroll in a 14-month program, you are still required to apply for a new ED visa after 8 months to continue the remaining 6 months. The ED visa for language schools with the ED visa for universities. They are not the same.

2. Testing and Visa Extension / Address Report at the Immigration Department

Once the second letter from The MOE has been received (see step 4.1), it means that the student can stay in Thailand with the ED visa for another 5 months. The student still MUST submit a Visa Extension which paid direct to the Immigration Office and Address Report to the Immigration Office at the end of the 3rd month (60-day extension), at the end of the 5th month (60-day extension), and the end of the 7th month (30-day extension). The fee for each visa extension is 1,900 baht.

Students must pass a test from the Ministry of Education at the end of the 7th month in order to get a letter approving their completion of the course. Students who would like to continue studying Advanced Thai will need this letter to apply for their second Education visa (which will allow them to study for a further 6 months). They must also complete quizzes from The Knowledge as proof that they have been studying.

- I. The student needs to contact The Knowledge at least 14 days before the initial 90 days expires so The Knowledge can arrange the student's paperwork for the visa extension and address report on time.
- II. The student visits the Department of Immigration with documents that are provided by The Knowledge as well as the extension fee. (Pay directly to the Immigration Office.)
 Note: This step can be done up to a month in advance before the visa extension expires each time.
- III. Upon completion of both steps 5.1 and 5.2, the student will now have a new stay permit (up to 60 days) in their passport and an Address Reporting slip. The student should contact The Knowledge again to keep records updated, as the student will need to repeat steps 5.1 and 5.2 each time for the extension of stay and address reporting.
- IV. The Knowledge staff will accompany the student to the Department of Immigration for their first visa extension trip, but after that the student will need to go on their own.
- V. If the student should need to go to the Department of Immigration for 90-day reporting, the student will need to go on their own.

3. **RE-ENTRY PERMIT** During this 90-day stay, if the student wishes to leave Thailand, they MUST apply for **a RE-ENTRY PERMIT which can be done 7 days in advance** at the immigration office in Chaengwattana or at the airport on your departure date. If the student leaves the country without applying for a Re-Entry permit their visa will be cancelled and they will have to re-process again, incurring 5000-baht extra cost to receive paperwork from the MOE. However, we cannot guarantee that the visa application will be approved again. The cost is 1,000 baht for single use or 3,800 baht for a multiple re-entry permit. Please note that Having a re-entry permit **DOES NOT** exempt you from your visa extensions. You must come back to Thailand in time for your extension or your ED visa will be revoked once past the extension date.