

(Unofficial Translation)

Announcement of the Office of the Board of Investment

No. Por. 4 /2568

**Application Procedure for Qualification Endorsement for Long-Term Resident Visa
under Measure to Stimulate Economy and Investment by Attracting High-Potential
Alien Persons to Thailand**

Subsequent to the Announcement of the Office of the Board of Investment No.3/2568 dated February 4, 2025, regarding Qualifications, Criteria, and Conditions for Long-Term Resident Visa (LTR Visa) under Measure to Stimulate Economy and Investment by Attracting High-Potential Alien Persons to Thailand;

By virtue of Section 13 of the Investment Promotion Act, B.E. 2520 (1977) and the Cabinet's resolution dated January 13, 2025, the Office of the Board of Investment (OBOI) hereby cancels the Announcement of the Office of the Board of Investment No. Por.3/2565, dated August 11, 2022, regarding the Process of Certification of Qualification for Long-Term Resident Visa under Measure to Stimulate Economy and Investment by Attracting High-Potential Alien Persons to Thailand, and issues the following announcement:

1. Application submission

Alien persons seeking qualification endorsement shall submit the application electronically or through other channels specified by the Office of the Board of Investment.

2. Qualification endorsement process

2.1 After receiving the application for qualification endorsement and all required supporting documents, the One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit (OSS) shall forward the application to the relevant agencies for processing, as follows:

2.1.1 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall examine the applicant's record and assess any potential national security concerns, only in cases where the applicant is a national of a watch-listed country or is involved in suspicious activities.

2.1.2 The Immigration Bureau shall verify that the applicant is not prohibited from entering the Kingdom under immigration laws.

2.1.3 The Department of Employment shall verify that employment is not prohibited by law. This applies only in cases where the position or duties of the applicant do not explicitly indicate whether they fall under a foreigner-prohibited occupation.

2.1.4 The Digital Economy Promotion Agency, the National Science and Technology Development Agency, or other relevant agencies shall verify whether the applicant is qualified as a highly skilled professional. This applies only in cases where the applicant in the highly skilled professional category submits educational credentials or work experience that do not explicitly specify their area of expertise.

2.1.5 The Office of the Board of Investment shall review and certify whether the applicant's work falls within a targeted industry. This applies only to highly skilled professional applicants.

2.2 The relevant agencies specified in Items 2.1.1 -2.1.5 must notify the One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit of the results.

2.3 The One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit will consider and screen the applicant under the Announcement of the Office of the Board of Investment on Qualifications, Criteria, and Conditions for the Long-Term Resident Visa (LTR Visa) under the Measure to Stimulate Economy and Investment by Attracting High-Potential Foreign Nationals to Thailand. The OSS shall notify the applicant of the result as follows:

2.3.1 In cases where the applicant does not meet the qualification criteria:

The OSS shall notify the applicant and/or the relevant agencies of the result, as applicable.

2.3.2 In cases where the applicant meets the qualification criteria:

(1) The OSS shall notify the applicant of the result, requiring the applicant to apply for a Long-Term Resident Visa at the One Stop Service Center for Work Permit, a Royal Thai Embassy, a Thai Consulate abroad, or any other agency designated by the Immigration Bureau within 60 days from the issuance date of the qualification endorsement letter.

(2) The OSS shall notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Immigration Bureau, or any other agency designated by the Immigration Bureau of the result to proceed with relevant actions.

3. Dependents, including the lawful spouse, parents, legitimate children under the age of 20, or legal dependents under the care of the primary LTR Visa holder, as specified in Item 2.2 of the Office of the Board of Investment Announcement No. Por. 3/2568, dated February 4, 2025, may apply for qualification endorsement either simultaneously with the

alien persons they are accompanying or at a later time. The One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit shall review and forward the application for the procedure outlined in Items 2.1.1–2.1.3, and shall notify the applicant of the consideration results in accordance with Item 2.3.

4. Alien persons and dependents who have obtained an LTR Visa and wish to extend their temporary stay in the Kingdom beyond the initial 5-year permitted period must apply for qualification endorsement to the Office of the Board of Investment at least 20 working days before their current permission period expires. After receiving the qualification endorsement letter, the applicant must apply to the Immigration Bureau for an extension of the residence permit in the Kingdom before the current permission period expires.

5. Alien persons and their dependents who wish to extend their temporary stay in the Kingdom beyond the expiration of their 10-year permission period must apply for qualification endorsement to the Office of the Board of Investment at least 20 working days before the current permission period expires. After receiving the qualification endorsement letter, they must apply to the Immigration Bureau for an extension of the residence permit in the Kingdom. In this regard, applicants must meet the qualifications and comply with the criteria and conditions for the Long-Term Resident Visa under the Measure to Stimulate the Economy and Investment by Attracting High-Potential Alien Persons to Thailand.

6. The Office of the Board of Investment will consider and notify the applicant of the result of the qualification endorsement within 20 working days from the date of receiving the application.

7. In cases where alien persons and their dependents wish to renounce their rights to reside in the Kingdom under the Long-term Resident Visa (LTR Visa), they must submit a notice through the channels specified by the OBOI. The One Stop Service Center for Visa and Work Permit shall then notify the related agencies to take the relevant actions, as applicable.

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