



## How to apply for temporary permit before using foreign-registered vehicle in Thailand

### Which type of vehicle can apply for temporary permit?

1. Motorcycle
2. Passenger car with no more than 9 seats (including driver seat)
3. Pick-up truck with no more than 3,500 kilograms of maximum permissible weight

CANNOT APPLY: vans, camper cars, buses and trucks

Exempted from this regulation:

- Vehicle used for Thai-Foreign Government Collaboration
- Locally frequent vehicles under local customs jurisdiction
- Vehicles registered in Lao, Malaysia and Singapore

### How do I apply for temporary permit for foreign-registered vehicle?

You have to apply for the temporary permit through **Thai travel agency** that holds tourism business license issued by Department of Tourism.

1. The travel agency must operate with **inbound or outbound tourism business license**.
2. The application with required documents must all be submitted **no less than 15 working days prior to the date of entry**.
3. The application can be submitted at Bangkok Land Transport Office Area 5 or any main provincial land transport office.

## Validity of the temporary permit for foreign registered vehicle

The temporary permit's validity will be issued according to the submitted itinerary with **30 days as maximum for each time**. You have a limited quota of 60 days per year.

## Condition for using foreign-registered vehicle in Thailand.

Travel agency must assign a reasonable number of tour guides or escorts to assist and lead traveller throughout their journey in Thailand. The guidelines are as follow;

1. 1-5 vehicles: At least one tour guide/escort with one Thai-registered escorting vehicle.
2. 6-15 vehicles: At least 2 tour guides/escorts and 2 escorting vehicles
3. More than 15 vehicles: At least 3 tour guides/escorts and 3 escorting vehicles

**Tour guides or escorts must be Thai nationals while at least one escorting vehicle must be Thai-registered.** In the case of more than one escorting vehicle, tour guides/escorts may aboard foreign-registered vehicle which travels with the group. Travel agency will have to declare the list of tour guides/escorts along with respective vehicle that each one aboard.

## What document you need for the application?

Travel agency must submit documents concerning the agency itself as follow:

1. Photocopy of national identification card or certificate of legal person registration
2. Photocopy of tourism business license
3. Power of attorney (if the tourism business license holder does not process the application by themselves.
4. Letter declaring list of tour guides/escorts and escorting vehicles
5. Application form

As for travelers;

1. Photocopy of passport with no less than 6 months of validity (and photocopy of a passport page with entry visa unless the travellers come from one of the visa exempt countries)
2. Photocopy of driving license with no less than 6 months of validity
3. Photocopy of vehicle registration certificate (and proof of ownership if not included)
4. Photocopy of vehicle inspection certificate
5. Letter of Consent (if the owner of the vehicle is not part of the trip)
6. Pictures of vehicle in colour (Body type and license plate of the vehicle must be visible)
7. Photocopy of compulsory motor vehicle insurance schedule
8. Photocopy of third party liability insurance schedule. Minimum coverages are as follow;
  - a. 1,000,000 THB of loss of life, bodily injury or damage to health, per person in an accident.
  - b. 1,000,000 THB of property damage liability per accident.
9. Itinerary
10. Letter stating necessity of using foreign registered vehicle in Thailand, signed by traveller or signed and stamped by foreign travel agency cooperating with Thai Travel agency

**Non-English document must be accompanied by certified Thai or English translation by a competent authority.**

**For more information**

1. For Bangkok, Bangkok Land Transport Office Area 5 or International Transport Affairs Group of Planning Division.
2. For other provinces, the main provincial land transport office

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Department of Land Transport

30 December 2016

# Overlanding Thailand with foreign registered vehicle

Regulation as per 23rd december 2016 until further notice

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Updated : 21.03.2017

[IMPORTANT NOTICE : This document shall reflect the content of the new regulation which should be published from the DLT, thai authorities around 23rd december. We try to keep the information up-to-date. The facebook page and the resulting document is under the supervision of overlanders and their network in order to supply accurate and unbiased information to that manner]

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(Thailand - New regulation affecting overland travellers)

## 1. Context

As per 27th of june 2016, the Department of Land Transportation of Thailand (DLT) require all travellers expecting to transit Thailand for tourism purposes with their own vehicle to apply for a special permit. This permit can only be processed through a licensed travel agency based in Thailand. On 23rd december, The DLT revised their regulation in a much restrictive manner : All new transits must now be supervised by a licensed tour guide.

This is mandatory for all type of motor vehicles listed in the summary document named « DLT\_SummaryOfRegulation » and it's original amendment you can find under following link . These are copies of original found on the DLT Thai version of the website. There are provided here since they are pretty hard to find:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B5r5rx3p0VLvNjQ2Q0FnVDU5eTg?usp=sharing>  
under folder : addendum

## 2. Agencies

**Aran Sisophon Travel**

**Contact person:**

**Mrs. Thip +66 (0) 8100 13353**

Speaks Thai and basic english. First recorded agency to run permits after first regulation.

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Active since march 2017  
Travel company based in the UK, connected with  
Thai counterpart.

Speaks english, thai and little german

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**Phil Gibbins / MotoAsia**  
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Based in Chiang Mai. Speaks english and thai. He  
runs the rideasia.net website, the Rider's Corner in  
Chiang Mai and is known to organize motorcycle  
adventure tours around SE Asia.

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### 3. Known prices / pricing schemes (for reference purpose only)

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### 4. How to apply

The application process time requires **45 days**. 15 days is the time required for the agency to contract an insurance company, which is mandatory in order to apply to the DLT, adding the 30 remaining days in order to have the permit processed.

In order to apply, do check you have got following documents and scans/photographs ready:

- Passport of the driver(s) (scan)
- Home vehicle registration licence (scan)
- Driving permit(s) (scan)
- International driving permit(s) (IDP) (scan) (\*\* 1968 Int Permit convention is NOT recognized \*\* - see 4.1)
- Home vehicle insurance, if provided (scan)

- A plan of your route → which provinces you aim to visit for example. There is no need to be too detailed
- Photo of your vehicle, showing front number plate
- Not mandatory : the Carnet de Passage (CdP). Very useful for the travel agency and DLT. This document has your vehicle references written in english, so it is easier for everyone to find which number refers to what.
- Copy of your national road taxes payment [*This is now apparently less restricted – see with your agent*]
- Copy of your last vehicle inspection [*This is now apparently less restricted – see with your agent*]

#### 4.1 If your international driving permit is under 1968 convention

You will find this information somewhere on your international driving permit. If not, check with your automotive authority to really ensure.

You will need to do following (information based on user experience), for all licences who don't have labels in english:

1. Scan your national driving licence both sides
2. Put these scanned copies in a word/Pdf, in the middle of the page
3. For all fields appearing on the driving licence, if there isn't the english label, then write all their english translation around the picture with the reference to the dedicated label.
4. The document being done, you need to have your national authorities to apply a legalization stamp, either :
  - If you are in your own country, this can be a notary
  - if you are abroad, it has to be at your home country embassy/consulate. Be aware that not all consulates supply the legalization and they will reroute you to an embassy. Exemple : the swiss consulates in Laos and Cambodia will NOT apply legalization. You will need to get to the nearest embassy for that, whereas in Bangkok/Thailand.
5. After legalization, scan your pdfs with the applied stamps, and supply them electronically to your chosen agency
6. When entering Thailand, the agency is supposed to organize a Thai national driving licence. You will have to get through a medical check (200 baht) and collect the licence at the end. Your agency should be able to provide you the details about this

#### 5. Special cases

##### TO BE CHECKED IF STILL RESTRICTION

For a while, DLT did agree to treat special cases such as vans, motorhomes and trucks (above 3.5 tons) in a similar manner, given additional documents have been provided. Meanwhile, they decided to restrict access to those. By the time of writing, there is low chance they may provide a permit for such cases. In any case, you should attempt it, raising your case and especially explaining what difficulties you may face if you can not transit Thailand as expected.

Here the contact email of the DLT, if you have any specific information requirements :

[international.dlt@gmail.com](mailto:international.dlt@gmail.com)

## 6. Alternatives

(SECTION UNDER WORK)

a) Transit your vehicle as a good from one border to the other. That means you will temporary import your vehicle into the country, but will not be able to use it. The vehicle has to be transported by truck or towing vehicle (NEED VERIFICATION). This is totally legal. Time of transit depends of distance to be covered.

[http://en.customs.go.th/content.php?  
ini\\_content=individuals\\_151007\\_01&lang=en&left\\_menu=menu\\_individuals\\_151007\\_01](http://en.customs.go.th/content.php?ini_content=individuals_151007_01&lang=en&left_menu=menu_individuals_151007_01)

<http://en.customs.go.th>

(NEED LIST OF AGENTS WHO CAN PROVIDE THIS)

b) Myanmar-Laos border

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### Revisions

[05.01.2017] Initial writing. Awaiting more information in order to fill up with more accurate data. Special thanks to the overland community for having shared their experience !

[21.03.2017] Added new travel agency

## THAILAND PERMIT & GUIDE PRICES 2017

For prices see the attached picture.

Thailand Permit Requirements from applicant:

- Copy of passport and visa
- Photocopy of driving licence and IDP
- Photocopy of vehicle registration certificate
- Photocopy of vehicle inspection certificate, (Tax if required)
- Letter of Consent (if the owner of the vehicle is not part of the trip)
- Pictures of vehicle (Body type and license plate of the vehicle must be visible)
- Letter stating necessity of using foreign registered vehicle in Thailand, signed by traveller or signed and stamped by foreign travel agency cooperating with Thai Travel agency
- Vehicle Insurance and Itinerary (will be provided by us)

\*Note Only IDPs (International driving permits) issued under the Convention on Road Traffic 1949 are accepted, if you have a 1968 version you will be required to obtain a Thai Licence.

\*Any documents which are either not in English or Thai will need a notarised translation to English or Thai.

THAILAND OVERLAND PRICES* (prices in USD)						
Grp Size No.of Vehilces	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days
1	1,030	1,290	1,540	1,800	2,060	2,310
2	670	830	995	1,155	1,320	1,480
3	550	680	813	943	1,073	1,207
4	490	605	720	835	953	1,068
5	452	560	666	772	878	984

\*Cost per vehicle including two people.

### Costs include:

- All necessary permits & vehicle insurance
- Accommodation (double room / Twin Room)
- Thai licenced guide inclusive of expenses (meals and accommodation), a guide vehicle and fuel.

\*Prices are subject to change, dependent on the number of persons and vehicles in your party, route taken.



## Thailand Update: Guide

Information has now been formally released in regards to the requirements of those wishing to enter Thailand Requiring a guide.

At present no information has been provided as to when the new rules start, nor has any agency provided estimated costs or details of guide services.

\*\*\*Please note the following statements:\*\*\*

- a) Cars that can not be allowed: vans, motor homes, buses, large trucks.
- b) Photos Certificate examination car. (I.e MOT)
- c) Evidence shows details about the trip, such as accommodation and schedules.

As soon as we know more we will post it here (in [Overlanding Asia](#))

Google translation of information posted by the DLT

The car can be allowed to be used in the country temporarily.

1. motorcycle
2. The number of passenger seats, including the driver's seat no more than nine seats (excluding car with a van).
3. pickup truck with a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 3,500 kg payload.

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Those who wish to bring foreign registered vehicles entering the country temporarily to be taken through a tour operator licensed tour operators and tour guides Business Act BE 2551.

1. Must be a tour of tour operators from abroad or a generic type only.
2. The applicant with the required documents. Not less than 15 days before the first car to use in Thailand.
3. The tour operator can carry applicant and the car has been marked with the Provincial Transport nationwide.

Tour operators will have to provide leadership. It was a tour guide or representative who has been entrusted. To facilitate and coordinate the use of car travel with security. You must specify the form of the certificate of governance, based on the following minimum criteria.

1. Not later than five units: the leaders of at least one person with at least one car navigation units.
2. Car parks 5-15: Leading the way at least two people with a car navigation least two cars.
3. Car 16 units or more leaders, at least three people with at least three-car navigation units.

Leaders must be a citizen of Thailand and used-car navigation will have a car registered in at least one country, namely in the case of car navigation than one vehicle units remaining potential vehicles registered abroad are allowed. and in the same group travel. The leaders sat together with them.

To request permission each time The tour operator shall submit the following.

1. A copy of the identification card or Certificate of Incorporation. The partner companies are certified by the registrar no later than six months.
2. licenses Tourism Business Tourism Business and Guide Act 2551.
3. Power of Attorney THB 10 stamp duty in the case of a licensed tour operator is manually operated. And a copy of identity card authorized.
4. Certificate of supervision, the use of a business trip.

5. To request permission to use the car in the UK temporarily.

Documents concerning the applicant and used car below.

1. passport photo of the applicant used. Valid for at least six months if the applicant has the nationality nor exempt from a visa. Must have a visa to come by.

2. photo driver's license, which is available in India. Valid for at least six months.

3. Guide the vehicle registration Photos

4. Consent of Owner If the applicant is not the owner of the vehicle used.

5. Photos Certificate examination car.

6. Photos of the car is visible characteristic color and registration number of the vehicle, at least one picture.

7. proof of insurance Photos Victims Protection Act of 2535 car.

8. The three types of photos, proof of insurance coverage follows.

- The protection of life and physical damage to third party not less than one million baht per person each time.

- Coverage for property damage of at least 1 million baht each.

9. Evidence shows details about the trip, such as accommodation and schedules.

10. The book explains the need to use a car registered in a foreign country.

If any document is an English director. Thailand English translation must be certified by the agency or the competent authorities of that country, including the Issuer or the Foreign Ministry of that country.

To request permission each time A car can ask permission each time by no more than 30 days and no more than a total of 60 days per calendar year.

1. Global Contact Bureau of Transportation Bangkok area 5

2. Regional Contact Transport Office in Bangkok

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Re : Account number payment.

Account name : Mrs. Ratre Sangruangreung.

Account number : 504 2 03157-9

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Swift : KASITHBK ([www.kasikornbank.com](http://www.kasikornbank.com))