

### Thailand Promotes New Visa for 'Digital Nomads'

The Thai government has announced a new visa class for remote workers that can be extended up to 360 days, though details on income and tax obligations remain unclear.

On May 28, the Thai government unveiled measures to boost the local economy, including the relaxation of certain visa rules to enhance tourism, as reported by Reuters. Among these measures is the creation of the new Destination Thailand Visa (DTV) for those looking to combine work and vacation, according to local media.

In recent years, Thailand has become a hotspot for digital nomads, attracting cryptocurrency traders and developers.

The DTV costs \$270 (10,000 Thai baht) and is valid for five years. It allows a stay of 180 days, which can be extended for another 180 days under the same fee, giving holders the opportunity to work from Thailand for nearly 12 consecutive months.

The visa stipulates a minimum of approximately \$13,650 (500,000 Thai baht) as a maintenance guarantee for spouses and children of remote workers in Thailand.

However, the new DTV should not be confused with the "Work from Thailand" Long-Term Resident Visa (LTV), often referred to as a digital nomad visa, which is significantly harder to obtain. The LTV requires a minimum average personal annual income of \$80,000 and health insurance coverage.

Additionally, foreign professionals must have a work contract with a company that has a minimum combined revenue of \$150 million over the past three years.

This initiative reflects Thailand's ongoing efforts to attract and accommodate the growing community of remote workers and digital nomads, aiming to stimulate the local economy while fostering a dynamic and international workforce.