



Migrant Information Note

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This issue of the IOM Migrant Information Note (MIN) features updated information regarding nationality verification for registered migrant workers from Myanmar, Lao PDR and Cambodia, and statistics of migrant registration for both migrant workers and their dependents, who registered with One Stop Service Centres (OSSCs).

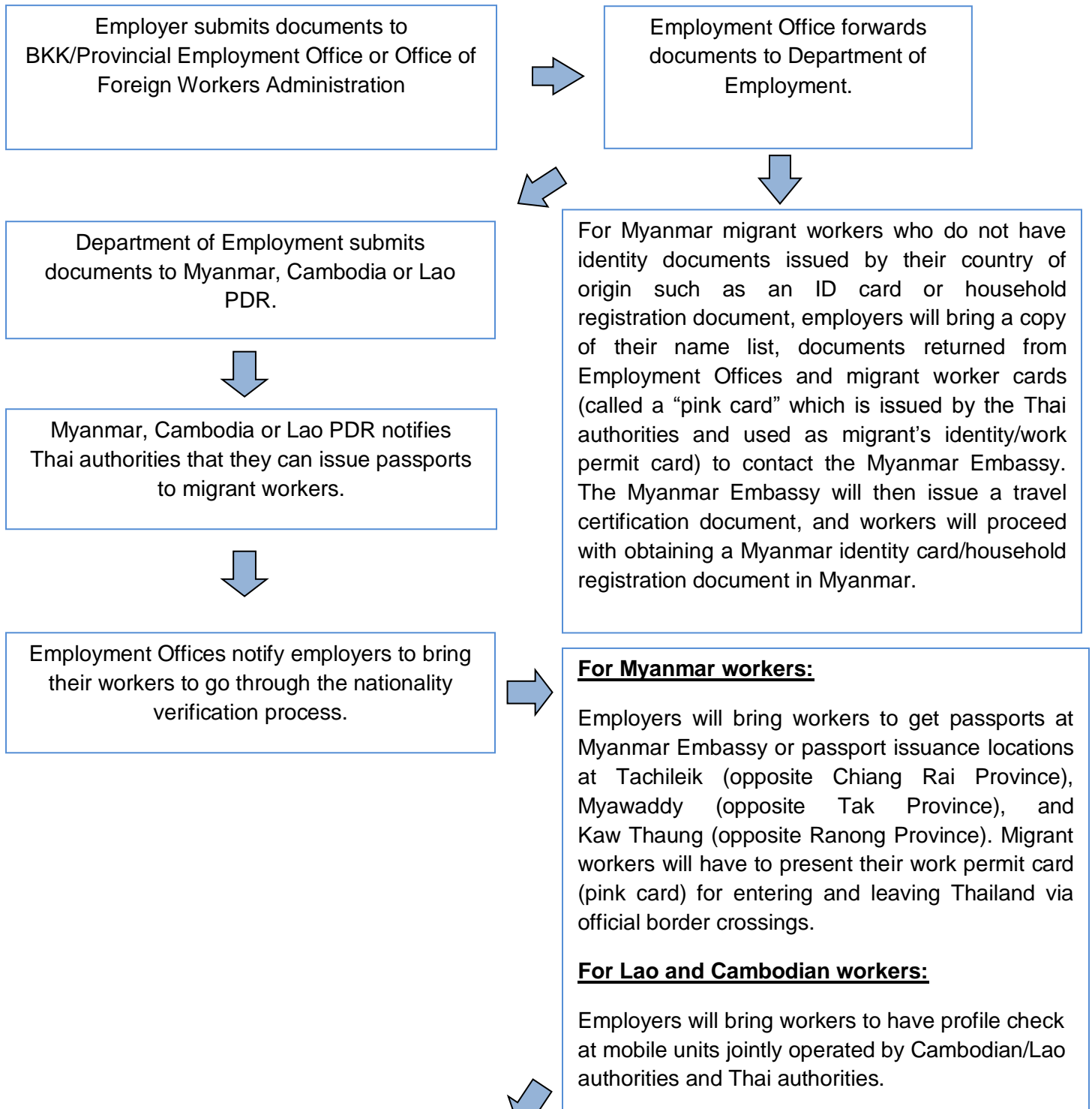
Nationality Check for Myanmar, Lao and Cambodian workers

The cabinet passed a resolution on 28 October 2014 regarding nationality verification for migrant workers from Myanmar, Lao PDR and Cambodia. The cabinet approved the implementation guideline for nationality verification for migrant workers, who have obtained temporary work permits from OSSCs as proposed by the Ministry of Labour. The guideline states:

1. Relevant agencies are instructed to commence the operation of nationality verification immediately after Cabinet approval on 28 October 2014, and cease operation of this process by 31 March 2015.
2. According to the cabinet resolution dated 6 August 2013 regarding the bi-annual migrant registration in the sea fishery sector, registered migrant workers with work permits in the sea fishery sector will have to proceed with nationality verification. The first migrant group whose work permit expired on 24 September 2014 will proceed with migrant registration at OSSCs and then enter into the nationality verification process. For migrant workers registered in the second round, the work permit will expire on 2 March 2015 and they will then enter into nationality verification.

Procedure for Nationality Verification

The procedure for nationality verification is referred to in the Department of Employment's circular letter dated 29 September 2014.



Employers will bring their workers to obtain visa and apply for work permit at Visa and Work Permit Service Centers at 1) Phrapradaeng District, Samut Prakarn Province, 2) Mae Sai District, Chiang Rai Province, 3) Mae Sot District, Tak Province, and 4) Maung District, Ranong Province.

Visa and Work Permit Service Centres

- Authorities from Department of Employment will check documents and collect a work permit application fee of THB 100 and a work permit fee of THB 900 (work permit valid from 1 April 2015-31 March 2016)
- Immigration authorities will issue visa and stamp stay permit, valid until 31 March 2016, and collect visa fee of THB 500.

Remarks: Cambodian/Lao authorities will issue passports to Cambodian/Lao workers at the Visa and Work Permit Service Centre at Phrapradaeng District, Samut Prakarn Province, or other locations to be set up as appropriate.

Documents employers will submit to BKK/Provincial Employment Offices or Office of Foreign Workers Administration

1. Name list of migrant workers for nationality verification;
2. Name list of dependents of migrant workers (if any);
3. A copy of non-Thai identity card or work permit (pink card);
4. Profile form (for Myanmar workers) or information form (for Cambodian workers);
5. ID card/household registration document (for Myanmar workers) or birth delivery document (for Cambodian workers) or identity document (for Lao workers) (if any);
6. 4 photos 1 inch in size (for Myanmar workers) or 4 photos of 4 x 6 cm (for Cambodian workers);
7. An employment contract (for Myanmar and Cambodian workers);
8. A copy of ID card or household registration document of employers (in case of individual employers) or a copy of the certificate of juristic person, as well as a copy of ID card of the authorized committee (if employers are juristic persons);
9. Power of Attorney with 10-baht stamp attached (in case of employers' representatives);
10. A copy of ID card of both attorney and representative (in case of individual employers); and
11. A copy of recruitment license for job seekers in the country (Jor Ngor 3) (in case of recruitment agencies).

Documents required at the Visa and Work Permit Service Centre

1. Certificate of employment;
2. A copy of ID card/household registration document of employers (in case of individual employers) or a copy of certificate of a juristic person and a copy of ID card of the authorized committee (in case that employers are a juristic person);
3. A copy of non-Thai card/work permit card (pink card);
4. Map of the workplace's location; and

5. A print-out Tor Thor 2 form (filled in via electronic system).

Costs for nationality check and work permit for Myanmar, Cambodian and Lao workers

Thai side	Myanmar's side	Cambodia's side	Lao PDR's side
1. Visa: THB 500 2. Work permit application fee: THB 100 3. Work permit fee: THB 900	1. Passport's fee: THB 1,600	1. Passport's fee: THB 1,400	1. Passport's fee: THB 1,500
Total costs for each side			
Total costs if combined with costs from Thai side	THB 1,600	THB 1,400	THB 1,500
	Total costs for Thai side plus Myanmar, Cambodia or Lao PDR side		
	THB 3,100	THB 2,900	THB 3,000

**Remarks: the above table does not include the cost of health exam and insurance from Thai side.*

Table 1: Number of migrants registered at One Stop Service Centres during the period of 26 June - 31 October 2014 (updated on 29 November 2014)

Nationality	Number of registration		
	Labourers	Dependents	Total
Myanmar	623,648	40,801	664,449
Cambodia	696,338	42,609	738,947
Lao PDR	213,689	9,150	222,839
Total	1,533,675	92,560	1,626,235

Source: Office of Foreign Workers Administration, Department of Employment, Ministry of Labour

Table 2: Number of migrant workers who have entered Thailand under MOU process on employment with a valid work permit (updated November 2014)

Nationality	Number
Myanmar	141,963
Cambodia	90,757
Lao PDR	21,289
Total	254,009

Source: Office of Foreign Workers Administration, Department of Employment, Ministry of Labour

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