



Migrant Information Note (MIN)

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This issue of the IOM Migrant Information Note (MIN) features summary updates on the newly established bodies on the management of labour migration and human trafficking in Thailand, an overview of the migrant registration process at One Stop Service Centers (OSSCs), updates to the migrant health insurance policy as well as the latest statistics of migrant workers in Thailand.

1. Committee and Sub-Committee on Migrant Workers and Human Trafficking

On 25 June 2014, the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) issued two orders; namely, no.73/2557 on setting up a Committee to tackle problems related to migrant workers and human trafficking; and no. 74/2557 on setting up a sub-committee on coordination in tackling problems related to migrant workers and human trafficking. The composition of the Committee and Sub-Committee can be downloaded from <http://www.thaigov.go.th/th/ncpo-order.html?start=30> (in Thai)

Roles and responsibilities of the committee

- Provide suggestions to the NCPO on policies, measures and implementation of guidelines to solve problems related to migrant workers as well as on the prevention and suppression of human trafficking, forced labour and child labour.
- Supervise and monitor the implementation of the policy on solving problems related to migrant workers as well as prevention and suppression of human trafficking, the implementation in compliance with international commitments, and report the results of implementation to the NCPO.
- Review and approve relevant strategies, work plans, projects and measures before proposing to the NCPO.
- Consider and support the review of related laws, regulations and cabinet resolutions to promote and facilitate their effective implementation.
- Appoint sub-committee and working team to assist in implementation as needed.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the NCPO.

Roles and responsibilities of the sub-committee

- Provide suggestions to the Committee on policies, measures and guidelines designed to solve problems related to migrant workers as well as to prevent and suppress human trafficking, forced labour and child labour.
- Coordinate and follow up on the implementation of relevant policies, measures and guidelines as per the implementation plan, and produce reports on opinions and suggestions to concerned implementing agencies in order to ensure that the policy is implemented.
- Review the concerned work plans, projects and measures before proposing them to the Committee.

- Review, adjust and develop criteria in managing and solving problems related to migrant workers and human trafficking in an appropriate way and in accordance with the situation prior to proposing to the Committee for consideration.
- Supervise the enforcement of laws in accordance with law on prevention and suppression of money laundering, law on corruption prevention and suppression, as well as international commitments.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Committee.

2. Migrant Registration

2.1 Urgent Interim Measures to Prevent and Suppress Human Trafficking and Solve Problems pertaining to Migrant Workers

The NCPO issued announcement no. 68/2557 dated 17 June 2014 on urgent interim measures to prevent and suppress human trafficking and solve problems pertaining to migrant workers. This announcement emphasized that all business operators and employers who employ migrant workers must follow legal procedures so that such migrant workers can enjoy protection in the workplace and are not subject to forced labour, especially those in the fishing industry and related businesses. In the interim, the NCPO has instituted a temporary waiver so business operators may compile a comprehensive list of workers under their employ to facilitate the subsequent organizational phase. Following this announcement, the NCPO issued an announcement on 70/2557 which is outlined in the following section.

2.2 One Stop Service Centers

Following the NCPO's announcement no. 70/2557 on interim measures in solving the problem of migrant workers and human trafficking, One Stop Service Centers (OSSCs) were established in every province across Thailand to facilitate the orderly management of migrant workers from Myanmar, Lao PDR and Cambodia. Migrants of these three nationalities who have entered or resided in Thailand irregularly, whose permission has ended, or who undertake irregular employment, shall report to the OSSCs. According to the NCPO's announcement no.117/2557 dated 21 July 2014, all OSSCs in the provinces listed below will be operative until 31 March 2015. According to the NCPO's announcement no. 118/2557 dated 21 July 2014, the work permit issued by the OSSCs will be valid until 31 March 2015.

- Samut Sakorn Province as of 30 June 2014 (NCPO's announcement no. 70/2557 dated 25 June 2014)
- Chachoengsao, Chonburi, Ayudhdhaya, Rayong, Songkhla, Samut Prakarn and Surat Thani as of 7 July 2014 (NCPO's announcement no. 77/2557 dated 3 July 2014)
- Bangkok as of 15 July 2014 (NCPO's announcement no. 90/2557 dated 11 July 2014)
- Krabi, Chantaburi, Chumporn, Trang, Trad, Nakornsrihammarat, Narathiwat, Prachuabkhirikhan, Pattani, Phang Nga, Phetburi, Phuket, Ranong, Satun and Samut Songkram as of 22 July 2014 (NCPO's announcement no 94/2557 dated 17 July 2014)
- Kanchanaburi, Kanlasi, Kampaengphet, Khon Kaen, Chainat, Chaiyaphum, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Tak, Nakornnayok, Nakorn Pathom, Nakorn Panom, Nakornratchasima, Nakornsawan, Nonthaburi, Nan, Buengkan, Buriram, Pathumthani, Prachinburi, Payao, Pattalung, Pichit, Pitsanulok, Phetchaboon, Prae, Mahasarakham, Mukdaharn, Mae Hong Son, Yasothorn, Yala, Roi-et, Ratchaburi, Lopburi, Lampang, Lampoon, Loei, Srisaket, Sakornnakorn, Srakaew, Saraburi, Singburi, Sukhothai, Suphanburi, Surin, Nongkhai, Nongbualumphoo, Angthong, Udonthani, Uthaitani, Uttaradit, Ubonratchathani and Amnartcharoen as of 28 July 2014 (NCPO's announcement no.117/2557 dated 21 July 2014).

At the OSSC, migrants will go through registration, undergo a medical check-up, and receive a stay/work permit card which will be valid until 31 March 2015. The back of the card will also indicate the name of the hospital at which the migrants can access healthcare. There are no official guidelines regarding the next stage of the process after registration. Documents and fees required for processing at the OSSC are as follows:

Documents:

- Completed non-Thai profile form (one form per one person) form can be downloaded from <http://wp.doe.go.th/wp/index.php>
- Employer's copy of ID card or copy of household registration (in case of individual employers)
- Employer's copy of certificate of juristic person (in case of companies)

*Note: employers have to sign on every page of all the above documents to certify the documents.

Fees:

Description of expenses	Migrant Workers	Dependents aged 7-15	Dependents aged under 7
Registration (Tor Ror 38/1)	80	20	20
Work Permit (8 months)	900	-	-
Health Check-up	500	500	-
Health Insurance (1-year coverage)	1,600	1,600	365
Total (THB)	3,080	2,120	385

For those Myanmar, Lao and Cambodian workers who entered the regularization process in 2013 and acquired stay and work permits valid until 11 August 2014 but did not complete the process (according to the Cabinet Resolution dated 6 August 2013), the NCPO has decided not to extend the permits to stay and work for this group. Therefore, they will have to report themselves to the One Stop Service Centers for registration.¹

2.3 Coordination Center for Cambodian workers

According to the NCPO's announcement no. 70/2557 on interim measures in solving the problems related to migrant workers and human trafficking, Coordination Centers for the Return of Cambodian workers were set up on 26 June 2014 in Sa-Kaew, Chantaburi, Trad, and Surin provinces and Cambodian workers had to present themselves at one of these coordination centers by 25 July 2014. Cambodian workers received identity cards, following which they had to report to the OSSC in the province where he/she works in order to undergo a health exam, and apply for health insurance and work permit. According to the NCPO's announcement no. 118/2557 dated 21 July 2014, only two Coordination Centers for the Return of Cambodian workers in Chantaburi and

¹ http://www.thanonline.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=240681:--11-57&catid=176:2009-06-25-09-26-02&Itemid=524#.U9d-t-OSz80

Sa-kaew will remain operative until 31 October 2014, and Cambodian workers can provide notification of their intention to be re-employed by 31 October 2014.

3. Migrant Health Insurance

Pursuant to the NCPO's announcement on 70/2557, the Ministry of Public Health issued two announcements dated 26 and 27 June 2014 on health examinations and insurance for Myanmar, Lao and Cambodian migrant workers as well as a measure and guidelines dated 26 June 2014 for health examinations and insurance for migrant workers. While the benefits of health insurance are the same as specified in the 2013 measure and guidelines for health exams and insurance of migrant workers, the fees are reduced as follows:

Group	Insurance Coverage Period	Price
Myanmar, Lao and Cambodian migrant workers and dependents who reside in Thailand	1 year	-Health exam: THB 500 per person -Health insurance: THB 1,600 per person
	6 months	-Health exam: THB 500 -Health insurance: THB 900
	3 months	-Health exam: THB 500 -Health insurance: THB 500
Migrant children aged under 7 years old	1 year	-Health exam (no cost) -Health insurance: THB 365 per person

Migrant Statistics

Table 1. Migrant Registration at One Stop Service Centers during the period of 26 June to 1 September 2014

Nationality	Number of Registrations		
	Labourers	Dependents	Total
Myanmar	366,727	25,806	392,533
Cambodian	401,758	23,517	425,275
Lao	149,541	6,971	156,512
Total	918,026	56,294	974,320

Table 2. Number of irregular migrant workers in fisheries sector who obtained Tor Ror 38/1 and received a work permit during the registration period of 3 March – 31 May 2014 in 22 coastal provinces according to the Cabinet Resolution 6 August 2013 (as of 6 June 2014)

Nationality	Number
Cambodia	3,633
Lao PDR	22
Myanmar/Burma	2,105
Total	5,760

Table 3. Number of migrant workers who have entered into Thailand through MOUs on employment between Thailand and three neighboring countries, and possess a valid work permit (as of June 2014)

Nationality	Number
Cambodia	99,401
Lao PDR	21,866
Myanmar/Burma	148,841
Total	270,108

Source: Office of Foreign Workers Administration, Ministry of Labour

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