

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY

Visa Guidelines for International Students (Academic Year 2026)

Congratulations on your admission to Chiang Mai University (CMU). To ensure a smooth transition, all successful international applicants must adhere to the following visa regulations and procedures.

I. Procedures for Applicants Residing Outside of Thailand

Students must apply for a **Non-Immigrant "ED Plus" Visa** at a Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate before traveling to Thailand.

1. Document Request Process:

- You **MUST** request official visa application documents through the **CMU-IRD-VISA Online** system (<https://ird.cmu.ac.th/visa-online/>).
- Requests must be made within the Admission Timeline specified at <https://admission.reg.cmu.ac.th/ipas/main/>.
- **Log-in Credentials:** Use the same email and password used during your CMU-IPAS application.

2. Supporting Documents Provided by CMU:

- Letter of Acceptance (English)
- Supporting Documents for Visa Application (Thai)
- Documents are provided as **PDF files** via the online portal. If you require **original hard copies**, please contact your Program Coordinator immediately. Mailing costs and procedures vary by location and service.

3. Important Regulations:

- **Nationalities requiring extra processing time:** Applicants from Bangladesh, China, India, Iran, Sri Lanka, and Middle Eastern countries must apply in their home country. Processing may take longer and often requires original hard copies.
- **Entry Type:** You must enter Thailand on a **Non-Immigrant "ED Plus" Visa ONLY**. Do not enter on a Tourist Visa, Visa Exemption, or Visa on Arrival. **CMU does not support visa conversion within Thailand.**
- **Stay Period:** The initial visa allows a 90-day stay. Extensions must be processed annually (maximum 1 year per extension).
- **Arrival Recommendation:** It is recommended that first-year students arrive in Chiang Mai at the **beginning of June 2026**.

II. For Holders of Non-Immigrant "ED" Visa (School Level)

If you are currently studying at an International School or Education Institute in Thailand and hold a valid **Non-ED Visa** (Elementary/Secondary level), you may extend your status to "**ED Plus**" for higher education at the Chiang Mai Immigration Office.

Required Steps:

1. Obtain a **Graduation Certificate** and a **Visa Cancellation Letter** from your current school.
2. The visa cancellation date must be specified as **June 22, 2026**.
3. Submit the following to your CMU Program Admission Officer:
 - o Graduation Certificate
 - o Visa Cancellation Letter
 - o Full copy of passport (all pages with information)
4. CMU will facilitate the preparation of documents for your extension at the Chiang Mai Immigration Office.

III. For Holders of Non-Immigrant "O" (Family/Dependent) Visa

Please be strictly advised regarding the limitations of the "O" Visa:

- **No Conversion Permitted:** A Non-Immigrant "O" Visa (for spouse, parents, or children) **CANNOT** be changed to a Non-Immigrant "ED Plus" Visa at the Chiang Mai Immigration Office.
- **Mandatory Procedure:** Students currently holding a Non-O visa must request official visa application documents via **CMU-IRD-VISA Online** and apply for a **Non-Immigrant "ED Plus" Visa from a Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate outside of Thailand** to enter the country for the purpose of study.

Contact Information

- **Visa Document System:** <https://ird.cmu.ac.th/visa-online/>
- **Program Admission Officers:**
<https://admission.reg.cmu.ac.th/ipas/main/index.php?action=con>

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