

REGISTRATION POLICY 2007 – 2008

On December 7th 2006, the government announced the renewal of work permit policy for the 668,576 migrants from Burma, Cambodia and Lao PDR who hold work permits which will expire on 28th February 2007 and 30th June 2007.

1. The Administrative Council on Irregular Migration approves the extension of the work permits for a further year.
2. The Ministry of Interior will extend the period of time that migrants can be in Thailand until 28th February 2008 and 30th June 2008.
3. The Ministry of Labour will issue the workers cards and and develop criteria.
4. The Ministry of Public Health will issue information regarding the health check, health insurance and the diseases on which the work permit will be rejected. The health check will cost 600 baht and the health insurance 1,300 baht
5. Provincial authorities will re-issue the personal registration and ID card for people without Thai nationality on the same card as the workers card.
6. Immigration, Police and relevant authorities will strictly enforce arrest of unregistered migrants and prevention of entry in order to prevent negative impact to society and to the security of the country.

Method:

- 1.1 For migrants whose cards expire on 28th Feb 2007 to extend to 28th Feb 2008; for migrants whose cards expire on 30th June 2006 to extend to 30th June 2008
- 1.2 Registration for migrants whose cards expire on 28th February will take place between **10th January 2007 and 28th February 2007**
- 1.3 Registration for migrants whose cards expire on 30th June 2007, registration will take place between **10th January 2007 and 30th June 2007.**

Documentation

- 2.1 For migrants registering with the same employer they do not need to bring any documentation.
- 2.2 When a migrant has a work permit, s/he can change employer under the following conditions:

Abused by the employer, sexually exploitation, no payment, the employers business closed, or the death of the employer etc

2.3 Migrants who get work permits **must** enter into the verification of nationality process to change status to enter the country legally.

2.4 For employers who already have a quota for migrants to use the same quota. For employers who have workers but no quota, to register for a new quota.