



Siam Legal International Advises Final Weeks Remain for Thailand Privilege Bronze Tier Before March 31 Deadline

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Siam Legal International, an authorized General Sales and Services Agent for the Thailand Privilege Card program, has issued an advisory highlighting the final weeks before applications for the Thailand Privilege Bronze membership tier close on March 31, 2026. The firm reports an increase in inquiries from foreign nationals seeking long-term residency solutions as Thailand's immigration enforcement continues to tighten and informal long-stay strategies become less viable.

The Thailand Privilege program, formerly known as the Thailand Elite Visa, provides government-backed residency options ranging from 5 to 20 years through Thailand Privilege Card Co., Ltd. The Bronze tier represents the program's most accessible entry point at 650,000 THB (approximately 20,900 USD) for five years of residency privileges. Once the March 31 deadline passes, this entry-level option will no longer be available, with no indication from program administrators about whether a comparable tier option will be reintroduced.

Recent immigration policy shifts have significantly reduced flexibility for long-term visitors to Thailand. Strategies that foreign nationals previously relied upon, including repeated tourist visa entries, visa runs to neighboring countries, and extended stays through border crossings, are now subject to heightened scrutiny and enforcement. Immigration officials have implemented stricter monitoring of travel patterns and stay durations, making informal long-term residence increasingly difficult to maintain.

"The immigration landscape in Thailand has fundamentally changed over the past year, and we're seeing clients who previously managed with tourist visas now seeking legitimate long-term residency solutions," said Rex Baay, Senior Immigration Advisor at Siam Legal International. "The Bronze tier deadline represents a critical decision point for those who need residency certainty but aren't ready to commit to the higher investment levels of platinum or diamond memberships."

The Bronze membership provides multiple-entry privileges, allowing members to stay in Thailand for up to one year per entry, eliminating the need for frequent visa renewals or extensions. While Bronze members do not receive Thailand Privilege Points available in higher tiers, they maintain access to core program benefits, including fast-track immigration services and VIP airport assistance. The program requires no age restrictions, income verification, employment sponsorship, or property ownership, making it accessible to a broad range of applicants, including retirees, remote workers, and lifestyle migrants.

Higher membership tiers offer extended validity periods and additional lifestyle privileges, with options ranging up to 20 years. However, these tiers require substantially higher investment levels, starting at 900,000 THB for the Gold membership. The Bronze tier serves those seeking immediate legal certainty with the flexibility to upgrade their membership status in the future if circumstances change.

Siam Legal International assists applicants through the official application process, including eligibility assessment, document preparation, and coordination with Thailand Privilege Card Co., Ltd. The firm brings more than 22 years of experience in Thai immigration and legal services, maintaining full-service capabilities across immigration, property, corporate, and family law matters.

As the deadline approaches, processing times may extend due to increased application volumes. Foreign nationals considering the Bronze tier are advised to initiate their applications promptly to ensure completion before the March 31 expiration. Program terms, pricing, and eligibility criteria remain subject to change by Thailand Privilege Card Co., Ltd., and no comparable entry-level offering has been announced beyond the current deadline.

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