



## **Migrant Information Note**

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*This issue of the IOM Migrant Information Note (MIN) informs the latest updates of Thailand migration issues and regulations - the latest cabinet resolution on the regularization of migrant workers following the NV deadline of 14 December 2012.*

1. Following discussions between Cambodian and Thai officials in mid February 2013, the availability of regularization was expanded to all irregular Cambodian migrants currently working in Thailand.
2. Following discussions between Myanmar and Thai officials on 3 February 2013 in Yangon, the Myanmar government announced on 14 February 2013 that they will deploy Myanmar officials to work in 11 One Stop Services Centers (OSSCs) in Thailand, including Tak and Chiang Rai provinces. Therefore, Myanmar migrants being processed at the OSSCs in Chiang Rai and Tak provinces can collect their temporary passports at OSSCs in Tak and Chiang Rai provinces without crossing the border.
3. On 28 February 2013, the Thai Ministry of Interior approved the visa fee for migrants' children under 15 years of age to cost 500 Baht.
4. According to the Department of Employment's announcement dated 1 April 2013 regarding the migrant regularization, the deadline for employers to submit the relevant documentation to provincial/Bangkok Employment Offices of the Department of Employment was extended to 13 April 2013.
5. On 9 April 2013, the Cabinet passed a resolution allowing migrants and their children whose employers have already submitted documents (e.g. demand letter, name list) to the Department of Employment to stay in Thailand for another 120 days as of 14 April 2013 until 11 August 2013 in order to complete the process of collecting temporary passport or certificate of identity.

## Statistics

**Table 1. – Numbers of migrants who have entered the migrant regularization process (as per the cabinet’s resolution on 15 Jan 2013), as of 10 April 2013**

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Migrant Workers</b>	<b>Migrant Children</b>
Cambodia	106,700	1,485
Lao PDR	56,061	800
Myanmar/Burma	327,508	1,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>490,269</b>	<b>3,353</b>

**Table 2. – Numbers of migrants who have completed nationality verification and are possessing valid work permit in Thailand, as of February 2013**

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Migrant Workers</b>
Cambodia	84,305
Lao PDR	30,675
Myanmar/Burma	733,463
<b>Total</b>	<b>848,443</b>

**Table 3. – Numbers of migrants who have recruited through MOU process and are possessing valid work permit in Thailand, as of February 2013**

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Migrant Workers</b>
Cambodia	72,701
Lao PDR	12,831
Myanmar/Burma	25,763
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,295</b>

*Source: Department of Employment, Ministry of Labour*

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