

Documentation requirements for tailors

If you want to go to Norway to take orders for your tailor shop, this would be a legitimate business trip. You should apply for a Schengen short-stay visa, and clearly state in the interview/questionnaire at the embassy that the trip is for business purposes, not tourism purposes, and truthfully explain what kind of business you are going to do. You can also explain this in an accompanying letter, signed by yourself and/or the owner of the company.

Please note that since you're not allowed to work while staying on a Schengen visa, the actual production of the clothes will have to take place after you return to Thailand. You will find a general check list of documentation requirements for Schengen visas at the embassy's web site www.emb-norway.or.th, see the following link: <http://www.emb-norway.or.th/visas/schengenvisa/Tourist+visa.htm>

In addition we would like to see the following:

1. Documentation of business registration in Thailand.
2. Verified copies of personal/business bank statements showing transactions for the last 12 months, showing sufficient means to undertake the travel. For these kind of business trips, a signed guarantee form from a reference in Norway will normally NOT be accepted as a substitute for own economic means. Referring to Norwegian friends is considered irrelevant in these cases, and does not help the application.
3. If you are married, copy of your marriage certificate.
4. If you are a non-Thai national, confirmation of work permit and legal stay in Thailand, with a permission for re-entry into Thailand stamped in your passport, valid at least 90 day longer than the last day of your planned stay in the Schengen area.
5. An original signed invitation letter on official letterhead from your business contact in Norway, with address, phone number, e-mail etc, stating the real purpose of the trip. If your business contact is a private individual and not a company, the invitation letter should contain the same type of information, and in addition include an explanation about how and why the contact in Norway is assisting you on your business trip. In these cases, a stamped guarantee form from a Norwegian reference is not enough. The applicant must document sufficient economic means for travel by him- or herself.
Note: E-mails, faxes or scanned documents are not accepted.
6. A detailed travel itinerary, with confirmation of hotel reservations or other type of accommodation on your various stops in Norway and other countries you will be visiting during the trip.
7. Confirmed booking of plane tickets (if visa is granted, it will be granted according to the dates on the booking).

If you have previously been to Norway on a business trip and taken orders for your tailor shop, it would be good if you could submit copies of shipment papers for some of those orders.

It is important to note that giving *incorrect* or *misleading* information in connection with a visa application, either by the applicant or by the Norwegian reference, constitutes a breach of the Immigration Act, and is a reason for visa refusal in itself.