



UKVI ONLINE APPLICATION SERVICE – WEB NEWS STORY

Headline: Expansion of the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) application system to the Gulf and Thailand

Sub Header: As part of a global rollout, Access UK (previously know as the Online Application Service) has launched in the Gulf and Thailand today for customers applying for a visa to visit the UK.

Following the success of Access UK in mainland China, UKVI is rolling out the service globally to customers applying for a Standard Visitor Visa, Visitor (Marriage & Civil Partnership), or Visitor (Permitted Paid Engagement) Visa.

Customers can now use Access UK to apply, book an appointment and pay for their application through the standard, priority or super-priority visa service (where applicable).

The global rollout has reached the following regions so far:

Country	Launch date
China	June 2014
India	February 2016
Russia, Belarus and Turkey	March 2016
Nigeria and Benin	Early April 2016
South Africa	Mid-April 2016
Thailand and The Gulf	May 2016

Over 280,000 applicants have already used Access UK and feedback is really positive.

To support a simple and intuitive customer experience, Access UK is translated into Russian, Turkish, Chinese, Thai and Arabic. By the end of the global rollout, the service will be translated into a number of other languages.

The Home Office is committed to making it more convenient, quicker and easier for applicants to apply for UK visas.

Visit Access UK on www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa.