



## **Thailand to Issue Identification Cards for Myanmar Displaced Persons of the Nine Temporary Shelters**

The Bureau of Registration Administration, Ministry of Interior issued a new regulation on 30 April 2026, effective 1 May 2026, reflecting the Royal Thai Government's continued commitment to supporting the integration and dignity of displaced persons from Myanmar living in the nine temporary shelters along the Thai-Myanmar border.

This regulation will permit eligible persons in the temporary shelters to receive a Non-Thai Identification Card, issued by the district administrator, carrying a unique 13-digit identification number, providing a foundational legal identity that paves the way for this population to lead a life of dignity, self-reliance, and contribution to Thailand. This follows the Thai Government's Cabinet Resolution of 26 August 2025 on employment of displaced persons from Myanmar in temporary shelters, and reflects the speed and goodwill with which the Royal Thai Government has moved to provide concrete rights and recognition to this long-displaced population.

The process will be implemented in a step-by-step manner. As an important first step, identification cards will be issued to displaced persons who are already legally working outside the camps. The card will record personal information including name, date of birth, parental details, address, photograph and fingerprints. Persons aged between 5 and 70 will be required to apply for a card. The pink card will include security features such as a QR code, and the regulation also outlines procedures for birth and death registration, record corrections, card replacement, and changes of residence.

While this regulation represents a significant foundation for legal identity and improved access to rights and services, further instructions from the Thai authorities will be required regarding work permission and movement, and practical access to education, healthcare, and other basic services, to ensure that displaced persons can fully benefit from this policy in practice.

CCSDPT commends the Royal Thai Government for this significant humanitarian and policy decision and looks forward to supporting effective, inclusive, and rights-based implementation for all displaced persons in the temporary shelters.