



(English Translated Version)

Kasetsart University Announcement

Regarding Regulations and Guidelines of Health Insurance for International Students

Kasetsart University has given priority to the health of its international students, who come to study, research, or participate in any activities at the University. It is essential to ensure that these students have access to standard-quality health services and receive efficient protection, care, and services throughout their studies at Kasetsart University.

Under the Kasetsart University Act B.E. 2558 (A.D. 2015) sections 32 and 37, and the approval of the Kasetsart University Executive Committee at its meeting 6/2565 on 13 June B.E. 2565, the university has cancelled the Kasetsart University Announcement on Regulations and Guidelines for International Student's Health Insurance, which was issued on 22 March B.E. 2565. Instead, it has prescribed new regulations and guidelines for international student's health insurance as follows:

1. In this announcement

“University” means Kasetsart University

“Unit” means a faculty, school, institute, department, office, and other administrative or academic units that are called by different names, but are equivalent to a faculty, school, institute, department, or office. This word does not include the Office of Kasetsart University Council, the Office of the University, or the Office of the Campus.

“International College” means Kasetsart University International College

“President” means the President of Kasetsart University

“International student” means a non-Thai citizen who is a student at Kasetsart University, enrolled in an academic degree program, participated in an exchange program, conducted research, or participated in any other activities offered by Kasetsart University whether or not they are enrolled in an academic program. This word does not include those from ethnic tribes waiting to obtain Thai citizenship.

“Health insurance” means insurance with the insurance company that agrees to compensate the insured’s medical expenses, whether the expenses are related to an illness, including Coronavirus disease, injuries from accidents, or death. This may be an individual health insurance or group health insurance.

“Insurance company” means the insurance provider that offers services to Kasetsart University or other insurance firms that international students may wish to obtain services.

2. Starting from the first semester of the academic year 2022, all international students who hold student status at the University must have valid health insurance coverage throughout their entire period of study, research, or participation in any activities at the University. The insurance plan should cover all medical treatments, including those related to the Coronavirus infection, accidents, and death. In case the expenses exceed the coverage limit of the policy, it will be the responsibility of the international students to bear all additional expenses themselves.

3. If an international student has received a scholarship and already has health insurance provided by his/her sponsor, that insurance will be considered the appropriate health insurance under this announcement, as long as it meets the standards mentioned in Clause 2. However, if the insurance coverage does not meet the standards, international students will need to apply for additional health insurance.

4. If international students have already obtained health insurance from abroad that covers medical expenses in Thailand and the coverage meets the standards mentioned in Clause 2, then that insurance will be considered as the required health insurance under this announcement. However, if the coverage does not meet the standard, then students must purchase additional health insurance.

5. If international students fail to apply or do not obtain adequate health insurance as stated in this announcement, they will be held entirely responsible for all medical expenses related to illnesses, injuries, or deaths, as well as any other expenses that may affect their health, life, or personal property.

6. The revised guidelines for enrollment in health insurance for international students are as follows:

6.1 Any unit of the University that recruits international students to study, conduct research, or participate in any activities at the University must inform them to apply for health insurance under Clause 2 before arriving in Thailand. In case the international students have already arrived in Thailand and have not yet applied for health insurance, those units shall instruct them to apply for health insurance under Clause 2 with an insurance company of their choice or apply for group health insurance with the insurance company whose services are available through the University. The international students must take full responsibility for enrollment for health insurance, and reception of benefits from it and are fully responsible for all expenses by themselves.

6.2 For more information on applying for health insurance with the insurance company made available by the University, international students can refer to the related announcement.

6.3 International students are required to provide a copy of their health insurance policy proof of their application (under Clause 6), or proof of payment (under Clause 6.2). They should submit this along with a copy of their passport to the International College at least 15 days before the start of the University's enrollment period for the relevant semester.

6.4 The International College is responsible for conducting an initial verification of the documents specified in Clause 6.3. If any international students have not yet applied for health insurance, the International College will notify their respective programs, advisors, and the international students themselves and provide them with instructions to apply for health insurance at the appropriate time.

6.5 International students must extend their health insurance coverage for at least one year, at least one month before their current coverage expires. If it is their last semester, they must extend their health insurance coverage for the entire period of their stay in Thailand. Once the extension is made, international students must inform their units, who will report the information to the international college and complete the related process.

7. If any operation cannot be conducted in compliance with this announcement, the President shall have the final decision-making authority.

This announcement will be effective from the beginning of the academic year 2022.

Announced on 21 June 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chongrak'.

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