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Student visa guide for Malaysia

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The student pass process in the order it usually happens. Use it to know what to ask, and confirm each step with your university and the official source.

1. Get an offer from a university

Your student pass application starts after a university accepts you.

- Apply to a university or college that is approved to enrol international students.
- Accept the offer and pay any deposit the university asks for, after checking the offer is genuine.
- Ask the university who handles the student pass application for you.

2. The university applies on your behalf

In most cases the university, not you, submits your application to EMGS.

- Send the documents the university asks for, such as your passport, photographs and certificates.
- Ask the university for your application reference so you can follow its progress.
- Do not pay anyone who offers to speed things up. Pay only through the channels the university and EMGS name.

3. Wait for the approval letter

If the application is approved, you receive an approval letter to travel with.

- Processing time varies by nationality, university and time of year. Apply early and leave a margin.
- Check every detail on the letter against your passport, and tell the university at once if something is wrong.
- Some nationalities also need a visa to enter. The university or EMGS can tell you whether this applies to you.

4. Arrange your medical screening

A medical screening is part of the student pass process.

- Ask the university or EMGS where and when the screening must be done. This is usually through approved clinics.
- Keep your vaccination records with you.
- Student health insurance is also arranged around this stage. See the fees below.

5. Book your travel and arrive

Travel only after you hold the letter and the university has confirmed your arrival details.

- Carry the approval letter, offer letter, passport and proof of funds in your hand luggage.
- Ask the university about airport pick-up and the date you should report.
- Do not enter as a visitor planning to change status later unless the university confirms that is allowed.

6. Complete the student pass after you arrive

Your passport is endorsed with the student pass once you complete the arrival steps.

- Report to the university and follow its instructions for the endorsement.
- Keep your student pass valid for the whole course, and renew it before it expires.
- Tell the university if you change course, university or address.

Visa and immigration fees

EMGS processing fee for a new student pass One-time · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 800 to RM 1,600**
eVAL processing fee One-time · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 150**
iKad processing fee One-time · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 50**
Student Pass sticker fee Every year · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 60**
Multiple-entry visa fee Every year · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 0 to RM 50**
Dependant pass processing fee One-time · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 140 to RM 250**
Dependant pass sticker fee Every year · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 90**
Graduate Pass processing fee One-time · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 900**
Graduate Pass sticker fee One-time · last checked 20 Nov 2026	**RM 600**

Common questions

Do I apply for the student pass myself?

Usually the university applies for you through EMGS. Ask the university to confirm how it works for your course.

How long does it take?

It varies. Start early and use the timeline planner to count back from your start date.

Can I work on a student pass?

Work is restricted and depends on your pass conditions. Read the part-time work guide and confirm with the university and immigration.

Can my family come with me?

Rules for dependants are separate and stricter. Ask the university and check the official source before making plans.

What if my application is rejected?

Ask the university for the reason in writing, and ask whether you can appeal or reapply. Do not pay for a new application until you know why.

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