

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Malaysia

New Multiple Entry Visa for business visitors and other travelers

Executive summary

Effective 20 January 2023, the Malaysian immigration authorities introduced a new Multiple Entry Visa (MEV) for certain visitors.

Key developments

The MEV is a type of electronic visa that is available to foreign nationals who seek to visit Malaysia for the purpose of conducting business, undergoing medical treatment or engaging in certain tourist activities (i.e., weddings or flights and cruises). The validity of MEVs is decided on a case-by-case basis and depends on the supporting documents (e.g., flight tickets) submitted with the application, subject to the discretion of the authorities. Holders can stay in Malaysia for up to 30 days per visit and cannot convert their MEVs to other Malaysian passes (e.g., Employment Pass, Dependent Pass).

Business visitors who seek to obtain an MEV may apply [online](#) and submit the documents below in support of their application:

- ▶ Passport that is valid for no less than six months from the date of arrival
- ▶ Passport photo with white background
- ▶ Invitation letter issued by a government or private agency (i.e., sponsor) providing details of the applicant's proposed activities in Malaysia
- ▶ Bank statement for the three months preceding the filing of the application
- ▶ Proof of confirmed accommodation booking in Malaysia
- ▶ Confirmed return ticket

The authorities may request additional documents at their discretion.

Impact on employers

The MEV is expected to streamline and expedite business visitors' entry to, and departure from, Malaysia and enhance the travel experience of impacted individuals.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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