

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Malaysia

Expedited pass endorsement for eligible Employment Pass and Professional Visit Pass applicants

Executive summary

Effective 1 March 2023, certain individuals whose applications to obtain Professional Visit Passes (PVPs) and Employment Passes (Category III, EPIII) were approved and who are outside Malaysia may collect their Pass stickers at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 1 (KLIA1) upon arrival.

Key developments

Primary applicants and dependents whose EPIII applications were processed by the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and received approvals as of 1 March 2023 may visit the ESD Satellite Centre (ESC) at KLIA1 upon arrival to collect their Pass stickers. Those who arrive at other airport terminals or ports must visit the designated MDEC center after arriving in Malaysia to collect their stickers.

Previously, the option to collect Pass stickers upon arrival at KLIA1 was available only to individuals who applied for other categories of EPs (e.g., EPI and EPII), Dependant Passes and Long Term Social Visit Passes, among others. Individuals whose EPIII and PVP applications were processed by the Expatriate Services Division (ESD) and who were outside Malaysia at the time of approval received their stickers via mail from the ESD after they arrived in Malaysia. Meanwhile, those whose applications were processed by the MDEC and who were outside Malaysia at the time of approval were required to collect their stickers from designated MDEC centers.

On 20 February 2023, the Malaysian authorities extended the option to collect Pass stickers upon arrival at KLIA1 to individuals whose EPIII and PVP applications were processed by the ESD and who were outside Malaysia at the time of application approval. Those who arrive at other airport terminals or ports continue to receive their stickers via mail from the ESD after they arrive in Malaysia.

If eligible EPIII and PVP applicants are unable to collect their Pass stickers from the ESC at KLIA1, they must follow the conventional sticker collection method (i.e., visit an MDEC center or wait to receive the sticker from the ESD via mail, as required).

Impact on employers

The extension of the endorsement facility at the ESC at KLIA1 is expected to expedite the immigration process for eligible EPIII and PVP applicants. These individuals will be able to commence work in Malaysia as soon as they receive their stickers upon arrival.

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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