



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Malaysia

New pre-arrival requirement for most foreign nationals

Executive summary

Effective 1 January 2024, most foreign nationals traveling to Malaysia must submit the Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) pre-arrival form prior to arrival.

Key developments

In general, foreign nationals must complete and submit the MDAC on the Malaysian immigration authorities' [website](#) no more than three days prior to entering Malaysia. They must also carry their valid passport and visa (if required) while traveling.

The following individuals will be exempt from the requirement to submit the MDAC: citizens of Singapore; individuals transiting via Malaysia who do not require immigration clearance in Malaysia; holders of Malaysia Automated Clearance System stickers; holders of diplomatic and official passports; Malaysian permanent residents and Long-Term Pass holders whose passes have been endorsed on their passports; Brunei citizens who hold General Certificates of Identity; holders of the Brunei-Malaysia Frequent Traveller Facility; holders of Thailand Border Passes; and Indonesia-Malaysia Cross-Border Pass holders.

Impact on employers

The introduction of the MDAC is expected to streamline and expedite the arrival process in 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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