



# Global Immigration alert

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## Malaysia

### Changes to the list of eligible positions for Professional Visit Pass applications

#### Executive summary

On 1 September 2025, the Expatriate Services Division (ESD) updated and shortened the list of eligible positions for Professional Visit Pass (PVP) applications to ensure greater alignment between the list and applicants' actual scope of duties while on the PVP.

#### Key developments

The ESD online system now reflects a revised list of PVP positions, following approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Immigration Department of Malaysia. Employers that submit PVP applications after 1 September 2025 are required to select from the positions on the [updated list](#). Additionally, applications submitted before 1 September 2025 (i.e., from mid-August onward) that have been returned by ESD need to be resubmitted using the revised list.

The online system no longer includes several previously listed positions, including consultant, advisor, technical consultant, technical trainer and seminar speaker. Certain positions such as consultant have been commonly used by companies, even when they do not align with the actual job scope, as applications listing these positions are subject to more lenient document requirements. As such, ESD's initiative to update the positions' list aims to eliminate misrepresentation by sponsoring companies.

#### Impact on employers

Employers that sponsor PVP applications may review and update their internal policies and processes to ensure compliance with the new requirements and mitigate potential business disruptions.

#### 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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