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DE Rantau Nomad Pass (Professional Visit Pass / Pas Lawatan Ikhtisas)

Facts as at 27/10/2026

Who this is for

Qualified foreign digital nomads, remote workers, and freelancers (tech and eligible non-tech roles) who want to live in Malaysia while working remotely for foreign income.

At a glance

The DE Rantau Nomad Pass is a Professional Visit Pass that allows qualified foreign digital nomads to travel and work remotely in Malaysia.
Who it is for: Qualified foreign digital nomads, remote workers, and freelancers (tech and eligible non-tech roles) who want to live in Malaysia while working remotely for foreign income.
Validity: Often 3 to 12 months, renewable
Processing time: 42–56 days
Renewal: Renewable

Why people choose it

Official remote-work pass for eligible foreign income. Not a generic Malaysia Digital Nomad title.

Eligibility

What you need to show: Active remote/freelance contracts with income evidence passport validity more than 14 months at submission health insurance covering Malaysia may be required during endorsement not convertible from a tourist pass.
Minimum age: Main pass holder must be over 18 years old.
Nationality: Open to all nationalities except citizens of Israel (MDEC DE Rantau FAQ).
Work: Remote work for a foreign employer not registered in Malaysia, or freelance/independent contractor work for foreign or Malaysian clients as defined in the FAQ. Not local Employment Pass employment.
Sponsor: A Malaysian-registered sponsor (or MDEC as sponsor if no private sponsor) must sign a personal/security bond before endorsement.
Other conditions: Facilitates stay in Peninsular Malaysia and Labuan Sabah/Sarawak entry as tourist. Spouse cannot work under this pass. Dependants: spouse/common-law partner child under 18 disabled child parents of main holder. Approval does not guarantee entry — eVISA/VDR and endorsement required where applicable.
Minimum age: 18
Passport validity: 14 months
Renewable: Yes
Renewal: Renewable for an additional 12 months, up to a maximum stay of 24 months in total
Work: Allows qualified foreign digital nomads (digital freelancers, independent contractors, and remote workers) to travel and work in Malaysia

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Income & Capital requirements

Minimum annual income USD 24,000 (tech talent) or USD 60,000 (non-tech talent).
Evidence typically includes contracts, payslips/invoices, and matching bank statements for the last three months.
Income — Tech Talent/Profession: USD 24,000 a year; Non-Tech Talent/Profession: USD 60,000 a year

Documents

Passport bio page
Bank statements for the last 3 months. For a remote worker they show the income deposits that match the payslips. For a freelancer they show consistent income
Invoices issued in the last 3 months, for freelancers and independent contractors
Documents that are not in English, with a certified English translation
An eVISA or a Visa with Reference (VDR), when the approval letter says one is required, before the first entry for endorsement
A valid health insurance policy that covers Malaysia, for endorsement. It needs at least 3 months of cover and cover for the whole pass
Payslips for the last 3 months
Remote workers (full-time employees) need a signed employment contract showing the remote-work arrangement, job title and duties, contract length (ideally at least 6 more months), salary in USD or equivalent, and the foreign employer's details. The contract must have started at least 3 months before you apply
Freelancers and independent contractors need signed client contracts showing the scope of work, duration and payment terms. They must have started at least 3 months before you apply
Your latest entry stamp
A Malaysian Income Tax e-Registration slip from LHDN
Age over 18
Income threshold by talent type
Passport >14 months
Online application at mdec.my/derantau
Sponsor/personal bond
Endorsement after entry
Documents that may be required include valid health insurance covering Malaysia and the LHDN e-registration slip. Confirm the documents requested for your endorsement

Tier Duration

Pass is a Professional Visit Pass valid 3–12 months, renewable for another 12 months (max total 24 months)

Spouse

DE Rantau Nomad Pass (dependant)
Eligible: Yes
Partner: Husband, wife or common-law partner
Last verified: 12/10/2026
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Child

DE Rantau Nomad Pass (dependant)
Eligible: Yes
Maximum age: 17
Disabled exception: Yes
Last verified: 12/10/2026
Official wording: "Child, adopted child or stepchild under the age of eighteen (18) years."
Disabled child (no age limit) verified by experts.
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Parent

DE Rantau Nomad Pass (dependant)
Eligible: Yes
Last verified: 12/10/2026
Parents of the main pass holder only.
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Your quote

Fees are confirmed in your personal quote.