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Professional Visitor Pass — Expert (PVP-Expert)

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Who this is for

Foreign experts engaged for short-to-medium professional visits under the IMI PVP-Expert product.

At a glance

The Professional Visitor Pass – Expert lets Malaysian government agencies and companies bring in foreign technical experts for up to 12 months. Categories are technical experts, research, practical or industrial training, supported volunteers, and supported exhibition participants. For expert transfer and research, the salary must be paid by the employer abroad. Spouses, dependants and domestic helpers cannot get long-term passes. Applications in Sabah and Sarawak go to a state committee.
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Validity: Up to 12 months

Why people choose it

IMI Professional Visitor Pass — Expert
distinct from general Professional Visit Pass.

Eligibility

What you need to show: IMI PVP-Expert criteria no dependant or FDH long-term passes under this product. Sabah/Sarawak via state committee. Confirm live IMI page.
Work: Expert professional visit under PVP-Expert — distinct from Employment Pass and from general Professional Visit Pass.
Sponsor: Sponsoring entity via ESD / IMI as directed on the live PVP-Expert page.
Renewable: Yes
Renewal: Holders must leave the country after the program or approved pass duration ends unless an extension is applied for; holders who have reached the 12-month maximum approval period must leave Malaysia
Work: Allowed to carry out professional visit pass work as a foreign technical expert for one purpose, contract, or project at a time across categories such as technical expert, research, practical training/internship, volunteering, or exhibition/expo participation

Income & Capital requirements

For Category 1 (Expert Transfer) and Category 2 (Research), applicants must have an overseas employer and salary must be paid by that original employer

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Documents

Application letter from the Malaysian company containing expatriate details (name, passport-sized photo, passport number, position, job description and scope in Malaysia, work schedule in Malaysia, duration of work in Malaysia, total pass duration requested)
Copy of all passport pages (with at least six blank pages)
Personal Bond or Security Bond
Copy of employment contract / Letter of Award (LoA) (if applicable)
Copy of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between company and overseas educational institution for internship/practical training students
Copy of support letter from approving or regulatory agency (if applicable), including confirmation letter from the Royal Malaysian Customs Department for installation, maintenance, and overhaul of new machinery
Additional documents if required
Sponsor approval via ESD/IMI
Passport
Biometrics/endorsement as directed
Confirm state pathways for Sabah/Sarawak

Your quote

Fees are confirmed in your personal quote.