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Residence Pass

Facts as at 10/10/2026

Who this is for

Foreign nationals under Immigration Regulations 1963 Reg. 16A categories (family ties to citizens/PRs; ex-Malaysians) seeking a Residence Pass distinct from social visit and employment passes.

At a glance

The Residence Pass is for foreign nationals with family ties to Malaysia: spouses, young children and parents of citizens (after 3 years in Malaysia on a long-term pass), spouses and young children of permanent residents (after 5 years), and former Malaysian citizens. A Malaysian sponsor aged 21 or over applies, and both must attend. Holders can work, study and run a business without changing pass.
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Stay: 5 years
Renewal: Renewable

Why people choose it

A residence pass distinct from social visit and employment passes.

Eligibility

What you need to show: A valid passport with at least 6 months left, current residence on a long-term pass for the required time, and a Malaysian sponsor aged 21 or over. In Sabah and Sarawak the sponsor must be of Sabah or Sarawak origin.
Minimum age: Sponsor must be ≥21 (IMI Residence Pass page).
Work: Holders may work, study, and set up business without converting pass (subject to other authorities).
Sponsor: Malaysian sponsor aged ≥21 present at submission.
Other conditions: renewable subject to Immigration. Form IMM 16a.
Work: Holders are eligible to work, subject to conditions set by the relevant authorities.

Documents

Form IMM 16A
Old and new passports with copies
Two passport-sized photographs
Copy of Malaysian sponsor's identity card
Original and copies of supporting documents
Embassy-certified copies of documents issued by the applicant's home country
Category-specific relationship proofs (such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, adoption certificates, court orders, divorce/death certificates, statutory declarations, or IM5 Entry Permits)
Fit Cat 3/4/5
Prior long-term residence period

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Passport ≥6 months
Eligible sponsor present

Your quote

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