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MALAYSIA

Visa With Reference (VDR / eVDR)

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At a glance

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Processing time: 7 days

Why people choose it

Visit visa that needs a Malaysian reference. Meetings and visits, not local employment.

Eligibility

What you need to show: The visa is issued only after the Immigration Department headquarters approves it.
Minimum age: 30 years or older for applicants from China, Vietnam, North Korea and Cuba.
Nationality: Category and nationality rules as listed on the IMI Visa With Reference page; not a universal tourist eVISA substitute.
Work: Not stated by the official source.
Sponsor: A sponsor in Malaysia is needed. Depending on the category, the sponsor provides their identity card, a letter of undertaking, and proof of income of at least RM2,000 a month (Form J) for husbands of Malaysian citizens and for Indian applicants.
Other conditions: The visa is issued by a Malaysian office abroad only after the Immigration Department headquarters approves it. Afghan nationals visiting for social purposes must first get a visa approval letter.

Documents

Documents depend on the category. They usually include two copies of Form Imm.12 and Form Imm.38 (Form Imm.47 for Afghanistan), a copy of your passport, two recent photos and your sponsor's identity card. Spouses of Malaysian citizens also need the marriage certificate, and most categories need a security bond

Tier Duration

Applicants from China, Vietnam, North Korea and Cuba should be 30 years or older and show documents of family ties

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