

Media statement
regarding
guidelines for the implementation of movement control order at national entrances by the
Immigration Department of Malaysia

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In line with the YAB Prime Minister's decision on the national Movement Control Order to be implemented from 18 March, 2020 to 31 March, 2020, the Immigration Department of Malaysia has implemented a comprehensive ban on all travel of Malaysian citizens and permanent residents to overseas and restrictions on entry of all tourists and foreign visitors as follows:

1. For Malaysian citizens and permanent residents who return from abroad, they are allowed to enter and are required to undergo health check and self-quarantine for 14 days.
2. Citizens and permanent residents of Malaysia traveling abroad for the purpose of social visitation are not allowed except for the following:
 - i. Long Term Pass Holders in Third Countries provided that they do not return to Malaysia before 31 March, 2020. Strong documentation or evidence must be included for reference at the inspection counter.
 - ii. Malaysian diplomats who serve on overseas representatives.
3. All foreign nationals are not allowed to enter Malaysia including pass holders such as Temporary Employment Passes, Employment Passes (Expatriate Passes), Student Passes, Dependant Passes (to Long Term Travel Pass Holders) and Long Term Social Visit Passes (MM2H). In the event that the pass expires during the time that the control of the movement and the pass holder is overseas, they are allowed to return to the country within three months after the expiry of this movement's control and are required to renew the pass within thirty (30) days from the date of entry to Malaysia. Exceptions are sometimes given to the following:
 - i. Husband / Wife and child of Malaysian Citizens are allowed to enter provided that they have Long Term Social Visit (Husband / Wife) and Dependent Pass and undergo quarantine for 14 days.
 - ii. Foreign diplomats on duty in the country are allowed to enter and undergo quarantine for 14 days. If couples or families of diplomats want to enter Malaysia together, they must have a Dependent Pass.

- iii. Expatriate Pass holders involved in essential services (as the case may be) need to obtain the approval of the Director-General of Immigration in advance and undergo a quarantine for 14 days. Approval must be obtained before departure to Malaysia.
4. For foreign nationals in the country who are holders of short and long term social visit passes such as Temporary Employment Pass, Employment Pass (Expatriate Pass), Student Pass, Dependent Pass (to Long Term Travel Pass Holder) and Social Visit Pass Long Term (MM2H), if the pass expires during the movement control order and they intend to:
 - i. returning to the home country is allowed through the entrances / exits without the need for renewal;
 - ii. extending the expiry date, renewal must be made within 14 days after the expiry of the movement control order;
 - iii. Returning to the country of origin / transit country but without the country's permission or absence of a flight, must apply for a Special Pass immediately after the expiry of the movement control order.
* Note: Paragraph 4 only applies to foreigners who have significant travel documents within the validity period.
5. Foreign visitors are allowed to leave Malaysia and are not allowed to return during the restriction is effective.
6. The movement of people from Peninsular Malaysia to the states of Sabah and Sarawak and vice versa is subject to the current laws and directives prescribed by the relevant authorities.
7. Citizens and permanent residents of Malaysia who only transit across the Malaysia - Brunei border are allowed in and out of the direction of the State Authority in force.
8. Citizens and permanent residents of Malaysia or foreign nationals who drive heavy vehicles for the purpose of carrying essential services related items / commercial items are allowed in and out and are required to undergo medical examination. However, the movement of such items is subject to current directives issued by other relevant agencies.
9. Malaysian citizens and permanent residents who use the train services at the Padang Besar, Woodland Train Check Point (WTCP) and Johor Bahru Central are only allowed to enter Malaysia.

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