

VISA APPROVAL LETTER (VAL) & SINGLE ENTRY VISA (SEV)

1. For students abroad, in order to apply for the student pass, firstly you shall apply Visa Approval Letter with the reference of Student Pass (VAL) to enter Malaysia directly with the Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS). (<https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/>)
2. The Visa Approval Letter or VAL is a letter issued by the Malaysian Immigration Department when your visa application is successful. Students from some countries will be able to enter Malaysia with a VAL while citizens of other countries may need to apply for a Single Entry Visa (SEV) from the nearest Malaysian Embassy.
3. A Single Entry Visa or SEV is an entry visa for non-residents entering Malaysia with the intention of studying. The SEV is obtained after the VAL has been approved.
4. You should not submit your application for a Student Pass any earlier than 6 months before you intend to come to study in Malaysia. This is because the Visa Approval Letter (VAL) which is issued after your student pass application is approved by the Department of Immigration is only valid for 6 months. If you do not enter Malaysia within 6 months, you may need to make a new Student Pass application. Alternatively, you can request for a visa approval extension, which is subject to approval by the Immigration Department of Malaysia.
5. It is recommended for you to apply the VAL 3 months before leaving your home country for UMP admission. Please do not confirm any flight ticket before the approval is obtained to avoid financial loss. UMP will not be held liable for any loss /difficulties for this arrangement.
6. For a student that already has a record in applying Visa Approval Letter (VAL) / possess student pass previously with any Malaysia Educational Institution, please ensure the record is already cancelled by contacting the previous educational institution before applying for new (VAL) at the new institution.
7. You will also be required to go for a medical check-up in your country of residence at any EMGS Panel Clinic near your location for pre arrival medical screening. Within 7 working days of your arrival in Malaysia, you are required to undergo a post arrival medical screening with any clinic/hospital approved by the Ministry of Health, Malaysia. The complete medical report will have to get verification from UMP Medical

officer.

8. Once your VAL is approved, you need to plan your travel to Malaysia.

- i) Students from non-visa required countries will apply for SEV at Malaysia Representative Office and enter Malaysia by producing the VAL upon arrival.
- ii) Students from visa required countries without a Malaysian Representative Office are permitted to enter without a visa. Student must present the Visa Approval Letter (VAL) upon entry. Visa on Arrival for Students (VOAS) will be issued at the point of entry.

Students from visa required countries which have a Malaysian Representative Office must obtain visa (SEV) prior to their entry into Malaysia. Once your SEV is issued, you will be able to enter Malaysia.

** Students are responsible to refer Malaysian Representative Office at their home country for visa requirements before entering Malaysia.

9. Please refer to the [Immigration department's lists of countries](#) for more details. If you're a student who requires a visa to travel to Malaysia but are not in (or travelling from) your home country, you can go to the Malaysian Representative Office overseas (embassy) nearest to you, from where you can obtain the Single Entry Visa once your Visa Approval Letter (VAL) has been issued.

10. Once the applicants have received the Visa Approval Letter (VAL), student **MUST** apply for the Single Entry Visa (S.E.V) within 6 months from date of the Visa Approval Letter (VAL) at the nearest Malaysian Representative Office of Malaysia (as stated in the approval letter). If the students fail to obtain Single Entry Visa (S.E.V) from Malaysian Representative Office within 6 months from the date of the Visa Approval Letter, student are required to apply new VAL from **UMP**

11. The following documents are required for application of SEV:

- i. VAL Approval Letter
- ii. UMP offer letter
- iii. Passports (Single Entry Visa will be stamped/ sticker on the student's passport)

12. Please note that the VAL and SEV are **not the** Student Pass. Students are responsible for completing both the pre- and post-arrival visa processes in a timely manner. All fees related to Visa Processing and Medical Examination is excluded from the tuition fees and should be fully borne by the students.
13. All the documents required for visa application shall be couriered to :

International Office (ATT : VISA UNIT)
Universiti Malaysia Pahang,Lebuhraya Tun Razak,
26300 Gambang, Kuantan Pahang
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