

Guide to Permanent Residency (Malaysia)

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Abstract

This section informs on the criteria and procedure to apply for entry permit and for permanent residency in Malaysia.

WHO IS A PERMANENT RESIDENT ?

A permanent resident is a resident who is not a temporary resident.

Before you apply to be a permanent resident of Malaysia, you must first obtain an Entry Permit seeking to remain in Malaysia after the expiry of your pass.

The issue of an Entry Permit is not a right but merely an eligibility.

Only certain categories of persons are eligible to obtain an Entry Permit.

The categories of persons eligible to apply for an Entry Permit as set out in the Immigration (Prohibition of Entry) Order 1963 are

- a. persons in possession of specialist or professional qualification
- b. persons in possession of a certificate from the [Minister of Home Affairs](#) certifying that their admission would be in the economic interest of Malaysia
- c. wives and children under 6 years of age of persons falling within (a) or (b)
- d. wives of citizens of Malaysia who have been living separately from the husbands for a continuous period of 5 years
- e. children of citizen of Malaysia under 6 years of age

- f. special compassionate grounds

HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN ENTRY PERMIT ?

To apply for an Entry Permit the following supporting documents must be submitted to the nearest [Immigration Department of Malaysia](#) for approval :

- Form IMM. 4 (1 copy)
- Photostat Passport or travel document
- 2 photographs of applicant measuring 3.5cm x 5.0cm
- Photograph of local sponsor measuring 3.5cm x 5.0cm
- Other supporting documents

Part II of the Form IMM. 4 is the declaration part which must be made by a person resident in Malaysia.

The form can be obtained from the counter of [Immigration Department of Malaysia](#) at the cost of RM\$1.00 each.

The fee for Entry Permit is RM\$120.00 per entry permit.

Application for Entry Permit can be completed by a husband on behalf of his wife or by a parent on behalf of a child.

HOW CAN I BECOME A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF MALAYSIA ?

You must reside in Malaysia for a continuous period not less than 5 years under a valid Entry Permit preceding the date of your application for a permanent resident status.

Where the husband is a foreigner or a citizen of Malaysia, such person will have to reside in Malaysia for a continuous period not less than 10 years under a valid Entry Permit preceding the date of your application for a permanent resident status.

To apply for the permanent resident status, you have to bring along your travel document or passport for the past years to the Visa, Permit and Pass Division of the [Immigration Department of Malaysia](#).

The immigration officer will inform you of your eligibility to apply for a permanent resident status and the supporting documents you have to submit with your application, where applicable.

Basically you must submit the following documents for the application of a permanent resident status :

- Form IMM. 4 (select permanent resident status category)
- Photostat Passport or travel document of applicant in the last 5 years
- 2 photographs of applicant measuring 3.5cm x 5.0cm
- Photograph of local sponsor measuring 3.5cm x 5.0cm
- Identity card of spouse (if applicable)
- Marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Other supporting documents

The Form IMM. 4 can be obtained from the counter of the [Immigration Department of Malaysia](#) at the cost of RM\$1.00 each.

Even though you may have fulfilled all the conditions, your application may still be rejected if the government is not satisfied with your application.

You may have to submit a new application if you are still interested to be a permanent resident of Malaysia.