MALAYSIAN INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Investor Pass
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# PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES ON APPLICATION FOR INVESTOR PASS

## A. INTRODUCTION

Currently, investors who do not hold any Long-Term Pass are experiencing constraints to enter the country for business purposes using the existing Social Visit Pass (SVP) facility, which restricted to a single entry for a period of 30 to 90 days (depending on the country). The frequent business travellers in/out of the country using the existing SVP with Single Entry Visa has created potential of entry restrictions notices.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) at *Mesyuarat Pengurusan Ekspatriat di Malaysia Bil. 1/2025* on 7 February 2025, agreed on the introduction of Investor Pass to ease the movement of Business Travellers by allowing their entries to do business in Malaysia with Multi-Entry Visa (MEV) facility under the existing Social Visit Pass (SVP). MIDA has been mandated to asses and support the Investor Pass application before it is approved by the Immigration Department of Malaysia. On 17 March 2025, the Minister of Home Affairs announced the implementation of Investor Pass started to take effect on 1 April 2025.

Investor Pass was introduced with the objective to ease the movement of business travellers by allowing their entries to do business in Malaysia with Multi-Entry Visa (MEV) facility under the existing Social Visit Pass (SVP). The duration of stay for a period of up to 12 months, of which 6 months at a time with the option to extend for an additional 6 months, subject to the justification and requirements.

Following a decision by the Immigration Department of Malaysia on 23 February 2026, the "Existing Investor" category was removed from the system, effective 13 March 2026. Investors who already own a company in Malaysia or hold a directorship in a company are not eligible to apply for the Investor Pass, as such applications fall outside the scope of the current Investor Pass policy.

## B. DEFINITION

The Investor Pass is available to foreign business travellers in the following two (2) categories:

1. **New Investors** - Potential investors who have no investment record in Malaysia.

2. **Investors in the Pipeline** – New investors who have expressed interest, are in negotiations with the Malaysian Government, or have submitted project approval applications to MIDA.

3. ~~**Existing Investors** – Investors with a track record of investments in Malaysia and ownership of SSM-registered companies, but not employed by any company in Malaysia.~~ Following the Immigration Department of Malaysia's decision on 23 February 2026, this category was removed from the system effective 13 March 2026.

The business travellers are among Business owner/ Founder/ Company Board of Directors/ Company Shareholders/ C-Suite who make investment decisions/ Managerial level appointed by the foreign companies.

## C. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Age 18 years and above.

2. Immigration status – Must not be on the Immigration Department of Malaysia 's Suspect List or Blacklist (SLBL).

3. Security clearance – Must not have a criminal record under the Royal Malaysia Police's (PDRM) Security Clearance (BRI).

4. Employment status - Must be currently employed by a company registered in their country of origin (except business owner/ founder/ shareholders).

5. Purpose of travel –
    - New application (the first 6 months) - Must be traveling for business purposes only;
    - Extension application (extension 6 months) - Must be traveling for business purposes only; and justification related to business performance for the past 6 months.

6. Duration of stay - For a period of up to 12 months; of which 6 months at a time with the option to extend for an additional 6 months

7. Pass status –
    - New application (the first 6 months) - Must NOT hold any Long-Term Pass issued by the Immigration Department of Malaysia; and must be outside of Malaysia during the application process until approval is obtained;
    - Extension application (extension 6 months) - Must hold valid Investor Pass issued by the Immigration Department of Malaysia; and can remain in Malaysia while submitting the application. However, if the Investor Pass has expired, the foreign individual must exit Malaysia and can apply for Investor Pass under New category.

8. Passport Validity - Must possess a passport with validity period of not less than 12 months.

9. Employment Restriction - Not allowed to engage in any employment activities in Malaysia.

10. All economic sectors are allowed except those listed as negative sectors under the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (please refer to **Appendix 1**)

## D. CHECKLIST

| No | Documents | New | | Extension | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **New Investor** | **Investor in Pipeline** | **New Investor** | **Investor in Pipeline** |
| 1 | Official invitation document:<br>- Ministry; or<br>- Government Agency; or<br>- Registration of Company in Malaysia (ROC/SSM e-info) | Optional | Optional | / | / |
| 2 | Authorization Letter from the applicant<br>(If submitted by the third party) | / | / | / | / |
| 3 | Copy of Passport: Full Booklet with Cover and All Pages with Minimum Six (6) Empty Pages Available At Least 12 Month Validity (Must Be Scanned in Clear and Colored Copy). | / | / | / | / |

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| 4 | Copy of Valid Previous Investor Pass | n/a | n/a | / | / |
| 5 | Complete Parent Company Incorporation Document (Including nature of business) | / | / | / | / |
| 6 | Latest Audited Financial Statement of Parent Company | n/a | / | n/a | / |
| 7 | Confirmation document from MIDA Regional Offices/ Malaysian Embassy / High Commission or Consulate General/ Foreign Embassy of Origin Country where they are established | Optional | Optional | Optional | Optional |
| 8 | Document of Contract / Agreement / Letter of Intent / Letter of Project Confirmation / Supporting Document related to Investment Proposal | n/a | n/a | / | / |

*<u>Note:</u>*

- *Documents in foreign language must be translated in English and certified true copy at each page of the translated documents by the Embassy/ Notary Public/ Company Secretary in their country of origin or where they are residing.*
- *Company is also required to attach the original foreign language document and translation document.*
- *MIDA may require further documentation for the Investor Pass application.*

## E. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPLICATION

All application for Investor Pass received by MIDA from **1 April 2025** will be evaluated through Xpats Gateway System.

## F. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Application should be made online through Xpats Gateway System at https://xpatsgateway.com.my/ (please refer to **Appendix 2**) at least seven (7) days prior to your departure date from the port of embarkation.

   Application for extension of the remaining 6 months must be submitted to Xpats Gateway System at least 30 days before the expiry of the Investor Pass.

2. For inquires and clarification, please refer to:

   - Related to **MIDA Support issuance**;

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     | Division | : | The Industry Talent Management & Expatriate Division |
     | E-mail | : | investorpass@mida.gov.my |
     | Tel | : | +603-2267 3633 |

   - Related to **Xpats Gateway System technical assistance**;

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     | Division | : | Malaysia Expatriate Service Centre (MYXpats) Helpdesk |
     | E-mail | : | helpdesk@myxpats.com.my |
     | Tel | : | +603-7839 7171 |

   - Related to **Immigration** processing assistance;

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     | Division | : | Expatriate Services Division (ESD) |
     | E-mail | : | ppp_invest@imi.gov.my |

**APPENDIX 1**

## LISTING OF ACTIVITIES IN NEGATIVE SECTORS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND COST OF LIVING (KPDN)

The involvement of foreign business operators is subject and limited to the distributive trade sector as mentioned above. Sectors which are not applicable to foreign business operators include the following (the list of which is not exhaustive):

a) supermarket / mini market;
b) provision shop / general vendor;
c) news agent and miscellaneous goods store;
d) medical hall (inclined towards traditional alternative medicines plus general dry foodstuff);
e) fuel station;
f) permanent wet market store;
g) permanent pavement store;
h) National Strategic Interest; and
i) Non-exclusive textile, food and beverage, jewellery shops

**APPENDIX 2**

## PROCESS FLOW FOR INVESTOR PASS APPLICATION