



Immigration GES Alert

Malaysia – New Arrival Card for Foreign Travelers to Malaysia

What is the change?

Effective 1 January 2024, foreign nationals traveling to Malaysia are required to fill out the [Malaysia Digital Arrival Card \(MDAC\)](#) online, three days prior to their date of arrival.

Upon arrival in Malaysia, the foreign national is required to show proof of completion of the MDAC and complete passport verification at the immigration counter.

Several categories of foreign nationals are exempted from this requirement, such as:

- Singaporean citizens;
- Diplomatic and Official Passport holders;
- Malaysian Permanent Residents and long-term pass holders;
- General Certificate of Identity (GCI) Brunei Darussalam holders;
- Brunei Malaysia Frequent Traveller Facility holders;
- Thailand Border Pass holders; and
- Indonesia Cross-Border Travel Document (PLB) holders.

For more information, please visit the [announcement](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) section](#) of the official portal of the Immigration Department of Malaysia.

Deloitte's view

The implementation of the MDAC is seen as another initiative of the recently announced Visa Liberalisation Plan, which aims to attract foreign tourists to Malaysia towards greater economic growth by improving existing immigration facilities.

With the MDAC, foreign tourists to Malaysia can expect a straightforward and simplified arrival process.

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