



IMMIGRATION UPDATES

- DE Rantau programme

Dear Valued Clients,

The Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia (K-KOMM) has [launched](#) DE Rantau, a programme aimed at establishing Malaysia as the preferred digital nomad hub to boost digital adoption and promote digital professional mobility and tourism across Malaysia.

Below is a summary of the DE Rantau programme features and its application requirements:

What is a DE Rantau Nomad Pass	DE Rantau Nomad Pass is a type of Professional Visit Pass newly designed to allow qualified foreign digital nomads to
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	travel and work remotely across various locations in Malaysia while having access to stable broadband connectivity and various other facilities and services that support the nomadic lifestyle.
Duration	From 3 up to 12 months, pass renewable for up to additional 12 months, allowing total of 24 months of stay.
Who can apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Foreign Digital Nomads who perform work remotely and involve in the professional domain of IT (all types – software dec, UX, UI, cloud, cybersecurity, blockchain, AI, machine learning, data-related etc.), digital marketing, digital creative content, digital content development (All digital domain related work). ✓ Professionals from all nationalities are eligible. However, approval from Ministry of Home Affairs, Malaysia is required for Israel citizen.
When can apply	1 October 2022
Where to apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All applications must be made online at: https://mdec.my/derantau/foreign/ ✓ The application will be processed within 4 weeks upon receipt of the completed submission.
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Annual Income of >USD24,000 per year. ✓ Proof of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Digital Freelancer / Independent Contractor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active project contract • Contract duration > 3 months, can be multiple contracts • Clientele can be both local & foreign companies b) Remote Worker (full and part-time i.e., employee of a company but not required to physically in the office): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active employment contract • Contract duration > 3 months • Employer is foreign/non- Malaysian based companies ✓ Health / travel insurance policy cover – must be valid in Malaysia covering principal and all family members. ✓ A sponsoring organization registered in Malaysia is required to sign a personal bond document. If sponsoring organization is not available, MDEC can be the local

	sponsor with agreement with applicant and certain deposits payable to MDEC.	
Accompaniment of family members	Yes – Spouse and children under 18 years old are allowed.	
Application fee and Immigration levy	Processing fee per applicant	RM1,060.00 (incl. 6% SST)
	Processing fee per dependant	RM530.00 (incl. 6% SST)
	Immigration Pass fee per applicant	RM90.00 (every 3 months) RM360.00 (1 year)
	Multiples Entry Visa Charges (if applicable)	Changes vary across countries

Impact to company	High - for all foreign digital nomads who fulfills the eligibility criteria.
Commentary	DE Rantau programme facilitated by MDEC will benefit foreign nomads which eliminates the limitations of a normal tourist pass. Tax treatment on person involved in digital nomad has yet to be determined by Malaysia tax administrators. We will update on further development.

Please be guided accordingly. For more information, please refer to the [FAQ](#)

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