

Malaysia

A practical guide for your journey

OVERVIEW / DOCUMENTS / OFFICIAL SOURCES

01 / The essentials

INCOME REFERENCE

US\$24,000 tech / US\$60,000 non-tech yearly

LENGTH OF STAY

3-12 months; up to 24 months total

FAMILY

Partner, eligible children and main applicant's parents

APPLICATION ROUTE

MDEC online application + endorsement

Eligible remote employees, digital freelancers and independent contractors. The DE Rantau Nomad Pass has separate tech/digital and non-tech profession categories.

REVIEW - 2026-10-26

Rechecked MDEC FAQ v10 dated 28 August 2026 and separate employee/freelancer mandatory lists: profession categories, US\$24,000/60,000 annual references, 3-12 month pass and 24-month total, family, passport, three-month work and income proof, conduct/education/bond/tax-registration and insurance evidence, RM1,080/540 processing fees, endorsement/autogate rules, no appeals from 1 August 2026, and processing-delay notice dated 23 September 2026. Existing equality caveat retained because sources use both minimum and above wording.

02 / Your document checklist

Tick each item as you prepare it. Items that depend on your circumstances still need the official filing checklist.

- ☐ 01 All passport pages; at least fourteen months validity and six empty pages.
- ☐ 02 Current CV and highest education certificate.
- ☐ 03 Employees: signed foreign-employer contract stating remote work, role, salary and duration; employment started at least three months before applying.
- ☐ 04 Employees: three months of payslips and matching bank deposits; recent income statement or tax return.
- ☐ 05 Freelancers: signed client agreements with scope, duration and payment terms; contracts started at least three months before applying.
- ☐ 06 Freelancers: three months of invoices, payment receipts and bank statements.
- ☐ 07 Evidence meeting the annual income threshold for the selected profession category.
- ☐ 08 Letter of good conduct from the relevant home or residence authority.
- ☐ 09 Prescribed personal bond form and sponsorship arrangements.
- ☐ 10 Malaysia-valid medical insurance covering applicable dependants; submit by endorsement and cover the pass period.
- ☐ 11 LHDN tax registration slip for endorsement.
- ☐ 12 Digital marketing applicants: compulsory marketing portfolio or performance report.
- ☐ 13 Dependants: passport and relationship records requested by MDEC.
- ☐ 14 Clear PDF documents in English or with certified English translations.

03 / Your next steps

- 01** Apply online through MDEC. After approval, arrange the entry permission specified in the approval letter, enter Malaysia and complete endorsement. Tourist-pass applicants must leave and re-enter for endorsement; follow the rules for any existing long-term pass.
- 02** MDEC's 23 September 2026 notice reports processing delays. The usual six-to-eight-week estimate may take longer.
- 03** Processing fees including SST: RM1,080 main applicant and RM540 per dependant, non-refundable. Immigration and bond charges are separate.
- 04** Spouses cannot work on dependant permission. Children attending school need a Student Pass through the school; home-schooled dependants are exempt from this requirement.
- 05** This guide covers the federal route for Peninsular Malaysia and Labuan. Sarawak has a separate programme; check it directly for a Borneo base.
- 06** Complete first endorsement within one month of entry and within the approval letter's six-month validity. Remain in Malaysia until the e-Pass is issued.
- 07** Use the official profession lists and separate employee/freelancer document PDFs linked here.
- 08** For the first endorsement entry, use a normal Immigration counter and obtain an entry stamp; do not use the Autogate.
- 09** MDEC accepts no appeals for rejected applications from 1 August 2026. Applicants may submit a new application once eligible.

BEFORE SUBMITTING

Check dates, names, document validity, translations, and the checklist for your actual filing location. Keep originals and clear copies where required.

04 / Official sources

MDEC - Digital Nomad Pass

www.mdec.my — open official reference

MDEC - current FAQ, version 10 (August 2026)

www.mdec.my — open official reference

MDEC - employee document checklist

www.mdec.my — open official reference

MDEC - freelancer document checklist

www.mdec.my — open official reference

MDEC - September 2026 processing delay notice

www.mdec.my — open official reference

Apply / track your MDEC application

malaysiadigital.mdec.my — open official reference



Keep the current guide close

Scan to reopen the online checklist and official sources.

Review your trip details

Travel dates _____

Filing location / appointment _____

Documents to confirm _____