



VISA APPROVAL LETTER (VAL)

PRE-VAL APPROVAL

This is the general guideline on the process of the issuance of the Visa Approval Letter (VAL) for international students who wishes to pursue their study at President College. This guideline is subject to change without prior notice in accordance to the rules and regulations related to visa application and approval as imposed by the Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM).

Prospective students applying a for the student pass from home country is required to obtain the Visa Approval Letter with the reference of Student Pass (VAL) to enter Malaysia. The Visa Approval Letter or VAL is a letter issued by the Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM) when the student's visa application is successful at EMGS. Students from some countries will be able to enter Malaysia with a VAL while citizens of other countries may need to apply for a Single Entry Visa (SEV) from the nearest Malaysian Embassy (See list). A Single Entry Visa or SEV is an entry visa for non-residents entering Malaysia with the intention of studying. The SEV is obtained after the VAL has been approved.

Internationals students are advised not to submit application for a Student Pass any earlier than 6 months before intend to come to study in Malaysia. This is because the Visa Approval Letter (VAL) which is issued after the student pass application is approved by the Department of Immigration is valid for 6 months. Failure to enter Malaysia within the 6 months will result in VAL Expiry. The Immigration Department does not extend the validity of the VAL if it is expired. They can only extend the validity of the VAL if student apply for an extension BEFORE the previous VAL expires. As such the student is required to apply for a new VAL prior to entry into Malaysia.

It is recommended to apply the VAL 3 months before leaving home country for admissions. Students are advised not to confirm any flight ticket before the approval is obtained to avoid financial loss. President College will not be held liable for any loss /difficulties for this arrangement. For a student that already has a record in applying Visa Approval Letter (VAL) / possess student pass previously with any Malaysia Educational Institution, the record must be cancelled by contacting the previous educational institution before applying for new (VAL) at the new institution.

POST VAL APPROVAL

Within 7 working days of arrival in Malaysia, students are required to undergo a post arrival medical screening with any clinic/hospital approved by the Ministry of Health, Malaysia. Students from non-visa required countries will apply for SEV at Malaysia Representative Office and enter Malaysia by producing the VAL upon arrival. Students from visa required countries without a Malaysian Representative Office are permitted to enter without a visa. However, student must present the original Visa Approval Letter (VAL) upon entry. Visa on Arrival for Students (VOAS) will be issued at the point of entry. Students from visa required countries which have a Malaysian Representative Office must obtain visa (SEV) prior to their entry into Malaysia. Once the SEV is issued, student will be able to enter Malaysia.



Once the applicants have received the Visa Approval Letter (VAL), student MUST apply for the Single Entry Visa (S.E.V) within 6 months from date of the Visa Approval Letter (VAL) at the nearest Malaysian Representative Office of Malaysia (as stated in the approval letter). If the students fail to obtain Single Entry Visa (S.E.V) from Malaysian Representative Office within 6 months from the date of the Visa Approval Letter, student are required to apply for VAL extension from JIM. Students are required to submit for new application in the event of VAL expiry.

Arriving in Malaysia : At the Malaysian Immigration Check Point

Upon arrival at the airport / entry point in Malaysia, the student has to show his or her original VAL at the immigration check point. A special pass will be issued to refer the student to the respective State Immigration Department for the issuance of a student pass. A visa will also be issued to the student at the entry point in the form of an endorsement on the student's passport (with a validity period of at least six months).

The International student Meet and Greet representative will usually be at the immigration checkpoint to receive and attend to the student. After the immigration clearance, the representative will be responsible to transfer the student to the educational institution to report their arrival.

The special pass issued to the international student at the Immigration check point is valid for 14 days. Therefore within two weeks of their arrival, the college is required to submit the student's passport to the State Immigration Department to enable a student pass sticker to be affixed.

The student pass and visa are endorsed in the students' passport by the Malaysian Immigration Department. The endorsement indicates their visa type, the length of stay in Malaysia, the number of entries permitted into Malaysia and the validity of the student pass (which is usually one year).

All international students will be issued an I-Kad by the Immigration Department after they obtain a student pass sticker. Only after the issuance of the student pass sticker, the international student is a valid student of President College. Student may collect all the deliverables upon collecting their passport from the International Student Office.

FAILURE AFTER ARRIVAL

If the applicant fail to attend to Malaysian medical examination within the timeline stipulated by EMGS, their student pass application will be cancelled and no student pass will be issued. Please refer to the health criteria for entry of international students (https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/media/docs/Guidelines-for-Certification-of-Foreign-Students-Healthv_latest.pdf)

In the event student failed to produce their passport within the stipulated time by the Immigration Department i.e. 14 days, they are considered as not a President College student and considered as withdrawn from the programme. Student will be advised to leave the country. A refund is only proceeded with EMGS if a student provide an official letter and fill up the application withdrawal form.