

### What's New –

1. **Mandatory Pass Shortening before exiting Malaysia; and**
2. **Implementation of Exit Clearance for expired Employment Pass (EP) And Professional Visit Pass (PVP) Holders (w.e.f 18 Nov 2025)**

In accordance with the directive from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), the Immigration Department of Malaysia (JIM) requires all companies to shorten their expatriates' passes prior to their permanent departure from Malaysia.

1. Mandatory Pass Shortening before exiting Malaysia : Required Action before leaving Malaysia
  - Companies must submit a pass shortening application for expatriates who are permanently leaving Malaysia.
  - The application must be submitted via ESD Online under the "Sub-Product" tab.
  - Upon application approval, a Shorten Pass Slip will be issued and it can be downloaded from ESD Online
  - Pass holders are required to ensure that the Shorten Pass Slip remain in their possession throughout the departure process and present it upon request.
2. Exit Clearance for Expired EP/PVP Pass Holders

Effective **18 Nov2025**, if no renewal or pass shortening application has been submitted after the pass expiry date, the company is obligated to complete the expatriate's Exit Clearance via ESD Online.

  - The Exit Clearance must be submitted within 30 days from the pass expiry date.
  - Failure to comply may result in restricted access to ESD Online, including the inability to submit and pay for new applications until the Exit Clearance is completed.
  - FAQ issued by the Authorities attached.

This arrangement shall remain in effect, subject to further instructions or an official directive from the Immigration Department of Malaysia (JIM).

### The Corporate Lab's comments

- The Pass shortening process (a.k.a. Pass cancellations) has always been a requirement whether before or after departure (different processes applies respectively).
- With the latest update, it appears that the Authorities are starting to enforce it by now making the **Pass shortening mandatory**.
- The Authorities have also introduced a new **Exit Clearance** process for **expired EPs and PVPs** that were not cancelled / Pass not shortened before the exit. This will be for applications that are approved in ESD Online from 18 Nov 2025 onwards .
- This Exit Clearance process must be completed within 30 days from the expired Pass. From the FAQ it would appear that the Authorities will be tracking this and the expired Passes that were not shortened will appear in the Exit Clearance tab.
- At time of writing, the new Exit Clearance tab is still unavailable (we expect it to be up tomorrow, 18 Nov 2025 which is the effective date)
- Whilst the FAQ is somewhat self-explanatory, there are still some questions that we are currently seeking clarification on i.e.

1. **Mandatory Pass Shortening before exiting Malaysia**
  - a. What is the process if the Pass holder had to urgently exit before being able to complete the Pass shortening?
    - Can the Exit Clearance be done immediately after departure but before the Pass expires?
    - Or to do the Exit Clearance only after Pass expiry (even if the Pass expiry is say more than 1 year away?)
  - b. Is there a new process if the Dependents of EP holders need to depart/exit earlier than the EP holders?
    - Or the current process remains i.e. DP/LTSVP Pass shortening / cancellations be submitted manually at Immigration Dept Putrajaya
  
2. **Implementation of Exit Clearance for expired Employment Pass (EP) And Professional Visit Pass (PVP) Holders (w.e.f 18 Nov 2025)**
  - a. **Exit Clearance required for expired EP and PVP** – what about for expired Dependant Pass (DP) and Long-Term Social Visit Pass (LTSVP)?
  - b. **Exit Clearance required for expired EP and PVP that are approved from 18 Nov 2025 onwards** – what about the EP/PVP approved before 18 Nov 2025 where the Passes were not shortened? No action required?
  - c. **FAQ Nos. 4(c)** – it states this : *“if no exit is detected within 30 days after the latest pass has expired.....”* Please clarify :
    - If the “no exit is detected” actually means “no exit clearance detected”? (because technically, a Pass holder cannot continue to remain in Malaysia after Pass expiry unless he/she has a Special Pass)

***FAQ No. 6 also implies the same***

At time of writing, the update above is only for Companies registered with ESD.

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