

INFORMATION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (IM14)

After receiving the eVAL, you may download it from the EMGS website. Please note that it is **valid for six (6) months** from the date of issuance.

Below are the Documents Required for Entry into Malaysia:

- 1. eVAL
- 2. Single Entry Visa (SEV) Complete the SEV process either online or manually, depending on your country. Please refer to the nearest Malaysian Consulate Office for further steps or you can apply through Official Malaysia Visa.
 - A sample of the Single-Entry Visa (SEV) is attached in Appendix 1.
- 3. Malaysian Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) Complete the MDAC online as early as three (3) days before arrival or at the latest upon arrival, for immigration purposes in Malaysia. Access the Immigration Department website at https://imigresen-online.imi.gov.my/mdac/main?register.
 - Information related to the Malaysian Digital Arrival Card (MDAC), along with a sample, is provided in Appendix 2.

Upon Arrival in Malaysia:

- 1. At KLIA1 or KLIA2, please ensure that you meet the Immigration Officer at the EMGS Counter and request for the entry stamp to state 'Refer to KEDAH Immigration'.
 - Pictures of the EMGS Counters at KLIA1 and KLIA2, along with a sample of the entry stamp, are provided in Appendix 3.
- 2. You must undergo a health screening at an EMGS-registered panel clinic within seven (7) days from your arrival date in Malaysia. Please refer to the list of clinics available on the EMGS website under Guidelines > Registered Malaysian Clinic, Education Malaysia Global Services.
- 3. Once you pass the medical examination, you are required to pay the personal bond through university account. After the payment is made, we will proceed with the student pass application upon receiving the supporting letter from EMGS. The schedule of Personal Bond fee rates can be found in Appendix 4.
- 4. Submit your passport to CIRC for the purpose of applying for a Student Pass.
- 5. Once your Student Pass is approved, you may proceed to register as a new student at the UniSHAMS Academic Affairs Division for undergraduate studies or at the UniSHAMS Graduate School for postgraduate studies.

Note: Please ensure that **the passport used to apply for the eVAL** (Electronic Visa Approval Letter) is valid for **at least 18 months** from the date of application. Additionally, the same passport must be used to enter Malaysia and to undergo the required medical check-up. Using a different passport at any stage may result in processing delays or rejection by the relevant authorities.

While Arriving in Malaysia

1. **Transport**

If you choose to use university transportation from the country's entry point to the campus, the following charges will apply:

Entry Point	Charge	Additional Charge (per family member)
Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA 1 or KLIA 2)	RM600	RM300
Penang International Airport (Bayan Lepas)	RM100	RM100
Immigration Checkpoint (Bukit Kayu Hitam / Padang Besar or other nearby land routes)	RM200	RM200

The application to use UniSHAMS transport must be made at least three (3) days before departure. Payment should be made to UniSHAMS

Account Name – UNISHAMS SDN. BHD ACCOUNT NO.: BANK ISLAM 02011010036839 (Payment in Ringgit Malaysia - RM) 02011040000517 (Payment in USD - Dollars) Swift Code: BIMBMYKL

After making the payment, please email the payment slip to: unithasil@unishams.edu.my & cc to circ@unishams.edu.my.

Transportation Options to UniSHAMS

Entry Point	Mode of Transport	Details	Estimated Cost
Train Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) Bus Taxi/E-hailing	Flight	Take a connecting domestic flight to Penang International Airport (Bayan Lepas).	Varies (based on flight)
	Train	 Take KLIA Express to KL Sentral. Take ETS (Electric Train Service) to Alor Setar or Sungai Petani. Taxi/e-hailing to UniSHAMS. 	RM200- RM300
	Bus	 Take airport shuttle/Taxi/e-hailing to Terminal Bersepadu Selatan (TBS). Board an express bus to Sungai Petani. Taxi/e-hailing to UniSHAMS. 	RM100- RM150
	Taxi/E-hailing	Direct taxi or e-hailing service from KLIA to UniSHAMS.	RM600- RM700
Penang International Airport (Bayan	Bus	 Take Rapid Penang bus to Sungai Nibong Bus Terminal. Board express bus to Sungai Petani. Taxi/e-hailing to UniSHAMS. 	RM50- RM100
Lepas)	Taxi/E-hailing	Direct taxi or e-hailing service from Penang Airport to UniSHAMS.	RM100
Immigration Checkpoint (Bukit Kayu	Train	Board ETS train from Padang Besar to Sungai Petani or Alor Setar, then taxi/e-hailing to UniSHAMS.	RM50- RM100
Hitam / Padang Besar)	Taxi/E-hailing	Direct taxi or e-hailing service from the checkpoint to UniSHAMS.	RM200

2. Temporary Accommodation around UniSHAMS

HOTELS		
KUALA KETIL	SUNGAI PETANI	
 CMN Hotel & Homestay 65 km from Penang International Airport 82 km from Alor Setar Airport 15 km to UniSHAMS 	 Park Avenue Hotel 55 km from Penang International Airport 80 km from Alor Setar Airport 25 km to UniSHAMS 	
 Village Hotel 66 km from Penang International Airport 93 km from Alor Setar Airport 4.6 km to UniSHAMS 	 Purest Hotel 55 km from Penang International Airport 80 km from Alor Setar Airport 24 km to UniSHAMS 	
 KR Hotel 66 km from Penang International Airport 93 km from Alor Setar Airport 4.4 km to UniSHAMS 	 Hotel Seri Malaysia 60 km from Penang International Airport 75 km from Alor Setar Airport 23 km to UniSHAMS 	
 DIMA Garden 68 km from Penang International Airport 90 km from Alor Setar Airport 6.6 km to UniSHAMS 	 Cinta Sayang Resort 67 km from Penang International Airport 76 km from Alor Setar Airport 22 km to UniSHAMS 	

Bookings for hotels in Kuala Ketil can be made through the following platforms:

- Online Booking Websites: Booking.com or Agoda.com
 - Direct Hotel Websites:

Some hotels allow direct booking through their official websites. Please check the hotel's contact details for more information.

HOMESTAY (KUALA KETIL)	
Nafadz Homestay	Teratak Kasih Homestay

 No. 853, Lorong Bidara 25, Taman Desa Bidara, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6014-7585045 	 Kampung Tembak B, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6012-4636138
Aisar Homestay No. 325A, Lorong 12/2, Taman Desa Bidara, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6019-3609684	 Hujung Kampung Homestay Kampung Pekan Lama, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6012-6580086
Qaisara Homestay • 348 & 349, Lorong Insaniah 13/8, Taman Insaniah, Prima Residensi, 09330 Kuala Ketil, Kedah • +6019-4601610	 Alamanda Desa Bidara Homestay Taman Desa Bidara 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6018-4030499
PPQM Binjul Homestay • Lot 1231, Kg Binjul, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah • +6013-2126833	 Acu Homestay No. 27, Susur Orkid, Taman Orkid, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6019-9458801
Ribhan Homestay No. 67, Kampung Charok Bakap, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6019-4554518	 Abah Homestay Taman Orkid, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6019-4249940
Al-Tajel Homestay • Taman Insaniah, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah • +6011-133355144	D'Lina Homestay No. 14C, Kg Kubang Hong, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah +6018-2732990

To book a homestay in Kuala Ketil, please call or send a message to the numbers provided. Other homestay options are also available. You may find them on social media platforms by searching 'Homestay in Kuala Ketil'

Should you have any inquiries please contact:

1. For Arrival-Related Matters:

Phone: +60 13-666 5092 / +604-499 1170 (CIRC Office)

Email: circ@unishams.edu.my

2. For Postgraduate Studies-Related Matters:

Phone: +60 11-2847 2772 / +604-499 1113 Email: kemasukanrekod.pps@unishams.edu.my

3. For Undergraduate Studies-Related Matters: Phone: +60 11-6140 7503 / +60 13 428 5115

Email: application@unishams.edu.my

A Sample of the Single-Entry Visa (SEV)





The Information of the Malaysian Digital Arrival Card (MDAC)

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Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) For Foreign Visitors Traveling to Malaysia

1. PURPOSE

1.1. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information regarding the recent announcement made by the Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN) that all foreign visitors to Malaysia will be required to complete the Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC).

2. IMPLEMENTATION

- 2.1. The requirements to complete the MDAC apply to the following international students:
 - Students who have obtained a Visa Approval Letter (VAL) and are travelling to Malaysia to commence their course.
 - Mobility students with a course duration of less than three months who will enter Malaysia on a social visit pass.
- 2.2. International students must complete the MDAC online through the Immigration Department website:

https://imigresen-online.imi.gov.my/mdac/main?register

- 2.3. The MDAC can be completed as early as 3 days before arrival or at the latest upon arrival.
- 2.4. International students must present their completed MDAC at entry points for immigration clearance.
- 2.5. Existing international students who have been issued a student pass are not required to complete the MDAC if they exit and re-enter the country while their student pass is still active.

3. EXEMPTION

The following categories of visitors are exempt from the requirement to complete the MDAC:

- i. Citizens of Singapore;
- ii. Diplomatic and Official Passport holders;
- iii. Malaysian Permanent Residents and Long Term-Pass holders;
- iv. General Certificate of Identity (GCI) Brunei Darussalam holders;
- v. Brunei Malaysia Frequent Traveller Facility holders;
- vi. Thailand Border Pass holders;
- vii. Indonesia Cross-Border Travel Document (PLB) holders.



A Sample of the MDAC



EMGS Counters at KLIA 1 and KLIA 2



A Sample of the Entry Stamp



The Schedule of Personal Bond Fee Rates

