

MEDIA RELEASE

Cost increases for expatriate employment passes untimely and a disincentive for investors

PETALING JAYA: The revised rates for expatriate employment pass (EP), professional visit pass (PVP) and dependent pass (DP) recently announced by the Talent Corp were untimely as the drastic cost increases would hamper efforts to attract much-needed investments at the present critical juncture to revive the national economy.

MEF President Dato' Dr Syed Hussain Syed Husman J.P. expressed serious concerns over the Talent Corp's decision to increase the fees for such passes effective on Nov 15, 2021 as this would be a disincentive for existing investors and drive away potential investors.

"We are at a very critical stage to ensure that Malaysia's economic recovery efforts would be smooth and be able to attract more investments, and also maintain the existing investors," said Dato' Dr Syed Hussain.

"The revised rates for these expatriate passes would pose difficulties and complications for application to recruit expatriates and for renewal of the related passes which may cause disruptions in business continuity."

Based on the latest information provided by the Talent Corp, it was understood that the cost for EP increased 167% from RM480 to RM800 per person; the fee for DP increased 540% from RM83 to RM450, while the fee for PVP increased 800% from RM100 to RM800. (See attached APPENDIX A)

"We thank the government for allowing MEF to voice employers' concerns at the various platforms for policy engagement," said Dato' Dr Syed Hussain.

"As the engine of Malaysia's economic growth, industry requires all the support and easements to ensure that our country is on track for the much needed economic recovery.

"We should provide more attractive terms to attract investments rather than increase their costs though this may not seem to be significant in terms of the investment.

"The increased rates sent a wrong message because we should address the high number of unemployed graduates today by facilitating the inflow of capital and investments.

"We should be more prudent in our strategies as we look forward to see Malaysia re-emerges as a vibrant place for investments, and we hope that the policies would facilitate and nurture the creation of such environment."

For further information, contact the MEF Secretariat at 03-7955-7778 or fax 03-7955-9008 or email mef-hq@mef.org.my.

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APPENDIX A

NEW APPLICATION FEATURES AND SERVICE FEE FOR EXPATRIATE EMPLOYMENT (EP) AND PROFESSIONAL VISIT PASS (PVP) EFFECTIVE 15 NOVEMBER 2021

01 October 2021

To better facilitate and meet employers' needs for expatriates, we have put in place a robust online data platform and service-driven system which aims to effectively process Employment (EP) and Professional Visit Pass (PVP) applications for expatriates within its five (5) working days client charter.

We are pleased to announce the following new features and services for the EP and PVP:

- Online endorsement and online payment (Internet Banking or Credit/Debit Card) facilities for Immigration Fee payment will be available on our portal. This will reduce the need for physical documents, in-person payments, and reduce visits to Immigration and MYXpats Centre.
- Pass sticker delivery for EP and PVP (and related passes).
- Newly established ESD Satellite Centre (ESC) at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 1 (KLIA 1) to endorse approved passes for eligible pass holders.
- Improved features on the ESD portal and streamlining of existing processes to improve online customer experience. Employers will only be required to upload documents online for endorsement of the pass. All notifications will be sent through the system.
- Opening of MYXpats Centre in Penang in Q1 2022.

In our continuous effort to enhance our facilities and provide improved end to-end services, please be advised that the following revised service fees will be reflected in the following structure:

| ONLINE SERVICES (NEW & RENEWAL) | NEW FEE (excluding 6% SST) |
|---|----------------------------|
| EMPLOYMENT PASS (EP) | RM 800.00 |
| DEPENDENT PASS (DP) | |
| Spouse | |
| Children below 18 years (Biological/ Adopted/ Stepchild) | |
| Children with Disabilities (no age limit) | RM450.00 |
| LONG-TERM SOCIAL VISIT PASS (LTSVP under EP) | |
| Common-Law Spouse | |
| Children above 18 - 25 years (Biological/ Adopted/Stepchild) | |
| Parents/Parents-in-Law | |
| PROFESSIONAL VISIT PASS (PVP) | |
| <i>Positions Exempted from processing fee charges: Invited Lecturer, Invited Professor, Visiting Professor & Visitor Lecturer</i> | RM 800.00 |
| TRANSFER OF ENDORSEMENT (TOE) | RM150.00 |
| CANCELLATION OF PASSES, SPECIAL PASS | FREE OF CHARGE |
| NOTE: | |
| ◦ The amount stated above is solely for the expatriate (and dependents) application charges, and excludes any other Immigration fees | |
| ◦ For any unsuccessful/rejected applications at the Approval Stage, MYXpats shall refund RM300.00 of Expatriate Processing Fees, subject to MYXpats Terms and Conditions. In cases where an appeal is submitted, a refund will not be applicable. | |

Note: Public University (IPTA) & Government/Ministries: Exempted from Processing Fee Charges

The revision takes effect from 15 November 2021. The detailed guidelines will be announced on this website before 15 November 2021.

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