

Malaysia's DE Rantau Nomad Pass

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Malaysia's DE Rantau pass lets remote workers and freelancers with foreign income live in Malaysia up to 12 months. MDEC figures show applications growing from 1,561 (2023) to 1,965 (2024), ~1,120 active holders, and an estimated RM87.9m a year in nomad spending.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

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