

GUIDELINE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMING AND RETURNING BACK TO UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA SERDANG CAMPUS SEMESTER 2 2020/2021

1. Introduction

The government of Malaysia has announced that all international students except those from the United Kingdom may enter into Malaysia to further their studies in their respective educational institutions. However due to the current situation of Covid-19 pandemic, education institutions in Malaysia need to plan and develop necessary measures in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

2. Objective

This guideline clarifies procedures for international students coming and returning back to Universiti Putra Malaysia Serdang Campus to further their studies in Semester 2 2020/2021.

3. Returning to UPM Serdang Campus

- a. Effective 1st January 2021, all international students (except from the United Kingdom) may proceed to enter Malaysia to continue their studies. However, holders of dependant pass are still not allowed to enter Malaysia.
- b. Universiti Putra Malaysia Senate, in its 686th meeting on 11 February 2021 agreed to allow students from certain admission cohorts/programmes to return to UPM Serdang campus for hybrid teaching and learning activities beginning 22 March 2021.
- c. Undergraduate students, Master's by coursework students from certain admission cohorts/programmes as listed in Appendices 1A and 1B are allowed to return to UPM Serdang campus for hybrid teaching and learning activities.
- d. PhD and Master's by research mode students who need to return to campus are required to submit an application via the Dean/Director for the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International)'s consideration and approval.
- e. Students who need to return to campus but their programmes and admission cohorts are not listed in Appendices 1A and 1B, and require accommodation on campus, may submit their applications to the Housing and Placement Division, Office of Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) from 26 – 28 February 2021 for consideration and approval. All applications or queries can be addressed

to Mr. Mohamed Shukri bin Mohamed Noor at bppupm@upm.edu.my or call to this number +603-9769 1316.

4. Travelling to Malaysia

- a. All travelling students must obtain e-Val and Travel Authorization from EMGS prior travelling.
- b. As part of the e-VAL application process, students must submit a 'Declaration of Accommodation' and 'Declaration for Commencement of Online Classes' (applicable only for eVAL application that has been submitted prior to 1st January 2021) to EMGS. (i-PUTRA office will provide the letter upon request from the students)
- c. Prior to travelling all international students has to fill and sign the Letter of Undertaking and Indemnity (LoU).
- d. Students are required to undergo the RT-PCR Covid-19 Test three (3) days before travelling to Malaysia.
- e. Upon arrival students have to comply with the ruling of mandatory quarantine of seven (7) or ten (10) days and will placed at a quarantine centre provided by the government of Malaysia.
- f. All fees imposed by the government of Malaysia including the Covid-19 detection test, quarantine cost, and hospital admittance fee (if required) must be borne by the international student.

CHARGES FOR COVID-19 SCREENING TEST AT INTERNATIONAL ENTRY GATE & MOH FACILITY	
COVID-19 SCREENING TEST	FEE (RM)
RT-PCR	250
RTK ANTIGEN	120
QUARANTINE COST	
ACCOMODATION/OPERATIONAL COST	FEE (RM)
Accommodation Cost (RM150.00/day)	1,500 (10 days of quarantine)
	1,050 (7 days of quarantine)
Fixed Charges (Quarantine Station Operations)	2,600

- g. All of UPM's international students are required to fill up the 'UPM International Student Update on Quarantine Placement Upon Arrival' form once they have checked-in at the Quarantine Centre. (The form can be obtained from Appendix 2). The i-PUTRA office will use this information to arrange for pick up and placement at a temporary location at one of the university residential college (only available upon request). Transport arranged by BHEP/University Officials from Quarantine Centre to UPM/student existing residential is free of charge, however, should the student need a temporary place at the university residential college a standard fees apply. Please note, this transport service is only from 1 March 2021 - 21 March 2021.

- h. Students are required to download the MySejahtera app to complete all the required information three (3) days prior to the arrival date.
- i. Students who are still in the home country and the Student Pass is expired may proceed to study online or apply for Travel Authorization Form to enter Malaysia and submit for Student Pass Renewal Application.
- j. Further information or updates regarding the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on Entry of International Students to Malaysia be referred through Appendix 2.

5. Students Currently in Malaysia

Students who are currently in Malaysia and the Student Pass will be or nearly expires may apply for Renewal Application and submit it to Putra International Center (i-PUTRA) by appointment

6. Standard Operation Procedures

Note that only students who are healthy and are not classified as Person Under Investigation (PUI) are allowed to return to campus. All students are required to comply with the SOPs set by the National Security Council and the Ministry of Health Malaysia as well as all other regulations prescribed by UPM.

Any changes in UPM's guidelines as a result of amendments in government policies and regulations during the pandemic will be updated when necessary.

Thank you.

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