



UniSHAMS



Your Journey to UniSHAMS Begins Here

The Step-by-Step International Student
Arrival & Immigration Guide.

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & COLLABORATION (CIRC)

Navigating Your Arrival in Three Phases



Phase 1: Pre-Departure

Securing your documents and notifying the university before you fly.



Phase 2: Touchdown

Navigating Malaysian immigration, getting the right entry stamp, and traveling to campus.



Phase 3: Settling In

Completing your mandatory medical screening and finalizing university registration.

The Golden Rule: One Passport, Zero Exceptions



You **must use the exact same passport** for every single step of your journey. Switching documents will result in processing delays or rejection by authorities.

Your passport must be valid for **at least 18 months** from the date of application.



1. eVAL Approval



2. Airport Entry



3. Medical Check-up

Phase 1: The Document Trinity

Ticket 1: eVAL

Your Electronic Visa Approval Letter.

Download from the EMGS website.

Valid for exactly 6 months from issuance.



Ticket 2: SEV

Single Entry Visa.

Complete online or manually via the nearest Malaysian Consulate.



Ticket 3: MDAC

Malaysian Digital Arrival Card.

The mandatory digital registration for immigration.



Phase 1: Mastering the MDAC



Instruction: Scan the QR code to access the official Immigration Department portal.

The Rule: You must complete this online form as early as 3 days before arrival, or at the very latest, upon arrival at the airport.

The Result

A sample of the Malaysian Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) form. It features the Malaysian coat of arms at the top left and the Immigration Department logo at the top right. The form contains a photo of a woman, a QR code, and a barcode. The text on the form includes: "MALAYSIAN DETAIL", "Moman Digital Arrival Card", "Photo Name", "MALAYSIAN LIAANG", "Personal Name", "SY2S", "Personal details", "Meonara", "Completed Passport Application", "90388ECOAY 18 KMIA 2025", "Passport Number", "1234567078", "Flight", "23:04 UTA", "Flight", "19 Jul. 2025", "Destination", "Denon to dsirs", "05W865 065 2023", "Situation Number", "MV/23000".

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Exemption Note:

Not required if you already hold an active student pass and are re-entering the country.

Phase 1: Your Pre-Departure Countdown

T-Minus 7 Days

Deadline to book the official **UniSHAMS university transport** (if choosing this option).

T-Minus 3 Days

Notify CIRC of your **exact arrival date** to trigger medical clinic and student pass preparations.

T-Minus 48 Hours

Email your complete **Document Trinity** (eVAL, SEV, MDAC) to **circ@unishams.edu.my**.

Day 0

Board your **flight** to Malaysia.

Phase 2: Touchdown & The Airport Protocol

Anatomy of an Arrival

Step 1: Locate EMGS

Upon landing at KLIA1 or KLIA2, find the dedicated International Student Arrival Centre (EMGS Counter).



Step 2: Meet Immigration

Present your Document Trinity and your 18-month valid passport.



Step 3: Secure the Stamp

Critically, you must request the entry stamp explicitly states "Refer to KEDAH Immigration". Check your passport before leaving the counter.



Phase 2: Navigating to Campus (Public Options)

Entry Point	Mode of Transport	Estimated Cost
From KLIA	Flight (Connect to Penang) Train (KLIA Express -> KL Sentral -> ETS to Sg Petani -> Taxi) Bus (Shuttle to TBS -> Bus to Sg Petani -> Taxi) Direct Taxi/e-hailing	Cost Varies RM200-RM300 RM100-RM150 RM600-RM700
From Penang Airport	Bus (Rapid Penang -> Sg Nibong -> Bus to Sg Petani -> Taxi) Direct Taxi/e-hailing	RM50-RM100 RM100
From Bukit Kayu Hitam	Train (ETS Padang Besar -> Sg Petani -> Taxi) Direct Taxi	RM50-RM100 RM200

Phase 2: The UniSHAMS Chauffeur Option



Fares to Campus

- ✈ **Penang Airport:**
RM100 (Base) + RM100 per additional family member.
- ✈ **Bukit Kayu Hitam / Padang Besar:**
RM200 (Base) + RM200 per additional family member.

How to Book

Apply strictly **7 days** before departure.

Payment Details

Transfer to **UNISHAMS SDN. BHD.**
Bank Islam Acct:
02011010036839 (RM)
02011040000517 (USD)
Swift: BIMBMYKL
Email payment slip to
unithasil@unishams.edu.my
& **circ@unishams.edu.my**

Phase 2: Temporary Accommodation

Kuala Ketil

**Closest to Campus
(4.4km to 15km)**

Options include CMN Hotel,
Village Hotel, KR Hotel,
DIMA Garden.

Best for the shortest
commute to UniSHAMS.

**Numerous homestays (e.g.,
Nafadz, Teratak Kasih) available
via social media.**

Sungai Petani

**City Amenities
(22km to 25km)**

Options include Park
Avenue Hotel, Purest
Hotel, Hotel Seri Malaysia,
Cinta Sayang Resort.

Ideal for access to larger
city infrastructure.

Tip: Book directly with the hotel or utilize platforms like Agoda or Booking.com.

Phase 3: The 7-Day Medical Window



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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The Requirement

You must undergo a comprehensive health screening at an **EMGS**-registered panel clinic.

The Deadline

This must be completed within exactly **seven (7) days** from your date of arrival in Malaysia.

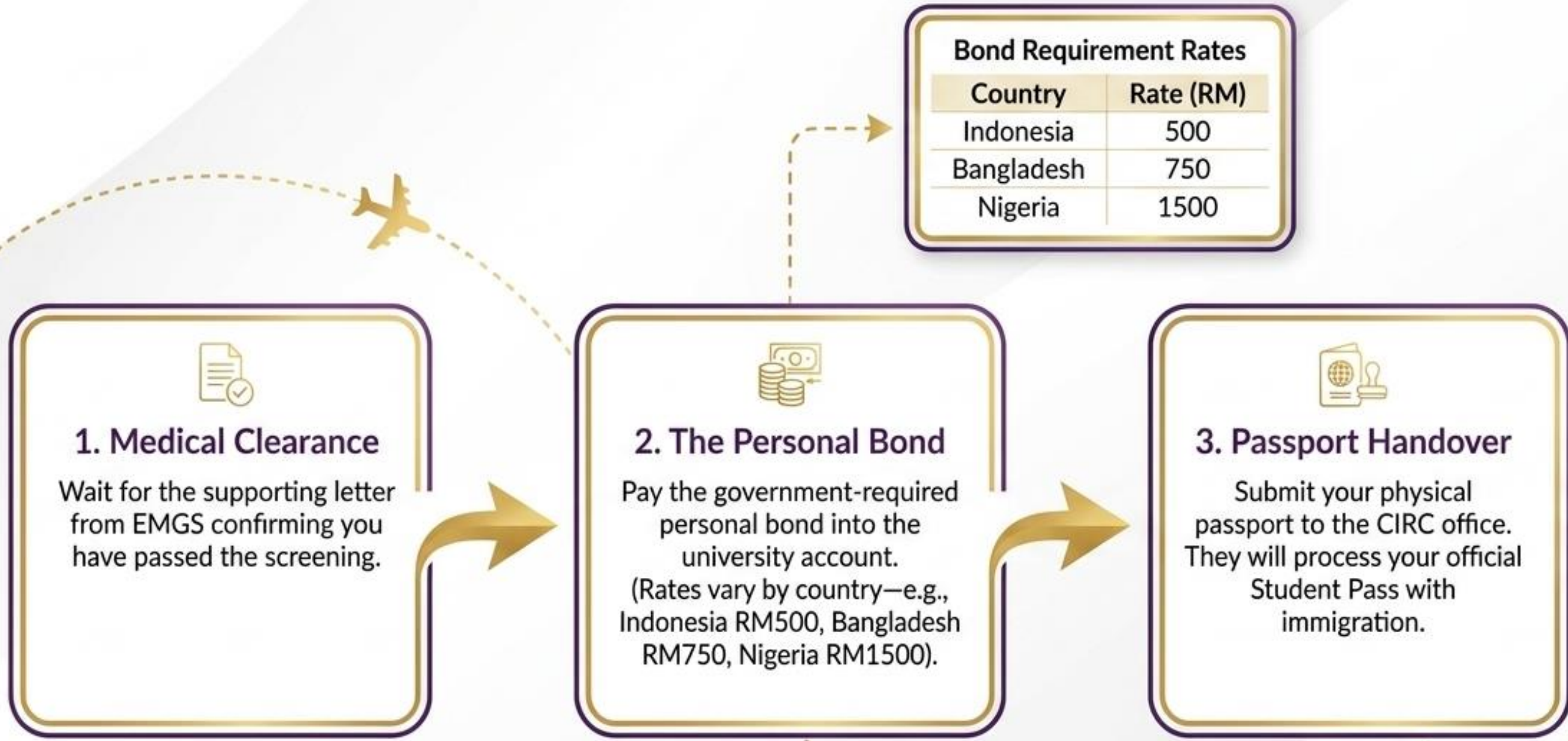
How to Find a Clinic

Search the registered clinic directory under 'Guidelines' on the official EMGS website.



Reminder: Bring your original passport (the same one used for your eVAL and entry!).

Phase 3: Securing Your Student Pass



The Finish Line: Academic Registration



Trigger: Once your Student Pass is officially approved and returned to you...



Undergraduate Path

Proceed to the UniSHAMS Academic Affairs Division to formally register for your Bachelor's degree.



Postgraduate Path

Proceed directly to the UniSHAMS Graduate School to register for your Master's or PhD program.

Welcome to UniSHAMS!



We Are Here to Help

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