



## **Submission No 33**

### **Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with Malaysia**

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### **Further information provided by DIMA**

#### **Average student visa processing times for Malaysians**

During both the 2004-05 and 2005-06 programme years, the average (median) processing time for finalising student visa applications lodged by Malaysian passport holders was six days.

#### **Details of the various student risk assessment levels**

Form 1219i *Overseas Student Programme - Assessment Levels* is attached. This form sets out the student risk assessment levels applicable to all overseas passport holders.

#### **Visitor overstayer statistics for Malaysians - absolute and percentages, including comparisons to global figures**

The estimated numbers of Malaysian visitors who have overstayed their visitor visas during the last three programme years are detailed in the table below. The reported Estimated Overstayers Rate is obtained by dividing the estimated number of overstayers by the number of visitor arrivals whose visas have ceased in the reporting period. The table also contains global estimated overstayer data for comparative purposes.

<b>Malaysia - Visitor Visa Non-Return Summary</b>				
<b>Passport Held</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Arrivals*</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Overstayers</b>	<b>Estimated Overstayers Rate %</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>2003 - 2004</b>	146,862	807	0.55
	<b>2004 - 2005</b>	150,916	981	0.65
	<b>2005 - 2006</b>	145,122	1,345	0.93
<b>Global Visitors</b>	<b>2003 - 2004</b>	<b>3,448,190</b>	<b>14,323</b>	<b>0.42</b>
	<b>2004 - 2005</b>	<b>3,735,251</b>	<b>12,392</b>	<b>0.33</b>
	<b>2005 - 2006</b>	<b>3,750,177</b>	<b>11,141</b>	<b>0.30</b>

*\*Only includes those arrivals whose initial Visitor visa ceased in the reporting period.*

#### **Number of Malaysian visitors arriving on ETAs turned back on arrival in Australia**

In the 2006-07 to 31 December, 250 Malaysian Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) holders were refused entry on arrival in Australia.

For the full year 2005-06, there were 599 Malaysian passport holders refused entry on arrival in Australia, and in 2004-05 there were 541 Malaysian passport holders refused entry.

Currently available data cannot accurately confirm how many of the Malaysian passport holders refused entry during these latter two programme years were the holders of an ETA.

**The number of Malaysians at the AIS on sport visas**

No Malaysian passport holders have been granted Sport visas.

**Malaysian people smuggling legislation**

Malaysia does not have legislation specific to people smuggling or trafficking in persons. Other legislation is applied, depending on the circumstances and nature of the offence. Current legislation includes the Penal Code, the Child Act, the Women and Girls Protection Act, the Emergency Ordinance and the Restricted Residence Act, and the Internal Security Act (ISA) and the Immigration Act. Malaysia has signed the ASEAN Declaration Against Trafficking in Persons Particularly Women and Children, which focuses on police cooperation and intelligence sharing.



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## Overseas Student Program – Assessment Levels

Form

1219i

This information form contains a list of the current Assessment Levels for all passports and education sectors in Australia's Student Visa Program (SVP). These Assessment Levels came into effect on 1 November 2005 and affect student visa applications made on or after this date.

Use this form if you intend to apply for a Student (Temporary) (Class TU) visa. You must identify your Assessment Level before you can proceed with your student visa application.

Refer to information form 1160i *Applying for a student visa*, or the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' (the department) website [www.immi.gov.au/study/](http://www.immi.gov.au/study/) for more information about applying for a student visa.

### Using this form

Your student visa application will be assessed according to your Assessment Level and the relevant evidentiary requirements.

The passport you hold and the education sector of your principal course will determine the appropriate Assessment Level for your visa application.

The table on the next page lists passports held in alphabetical order. To identify the Assessment Level for your visa application, match your passport type with the visa subclass for the education sector of your principal course.

**Note:** Passports not listed in the table are Assessment Level 3, unless you are sponsored by AusAID or Defence.

**Remember** – There are a number of different types of student visa. The following subclasses are based on the education sector of your principal course:

- 570 – Independent ELICOS
- 571 – Schools
- 572 – Vocational Education and Training
- 573 – Higher Education
- 574 – Postgraduate Research
- 575 – Non-Award
- 576 – AusAID or Defence

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# STUDENT VISA PROCESSING – ASSESSMENT LEVELS

**NOTE:** All passports not listed below are Assessment Level 3 (except in subclass 576).

Passport held	Visa Subclass						576 AusAID/ Defence
	570 ELICOS	571 Schools	572 VET	573 Higher Education	574 Postgraduate Research	575 Non Award	
Andorra	1	1	1	1	1	1	all 576 travel documents are Assessment Level 2
Argentina	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Austria	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Bahamas	2	2	2	1	1	2	
Bahrain	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Bangladesh	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Barbados	2	2	2	1	1	2	
Belgium	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Bhutan	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Botswana	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Brazil	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Brunei	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Burma (Myanmar)	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Cambodia	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Canada	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Chile	1	1	1	1	1	1	
China (excl. SARs and Taiwan)	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Colombia	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Cuba	2	3	3	3	3	3	
Cyprus	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Czech Republic	2	2	2	1	2	2	
Denmark	1	1	1	1	1	1	
East Timor	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Ecuador	3	3	3	2	3	3	
Egypt	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Estonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Fiji	3	3	4	3	3	3	
Finland	1	1	1	1	1	1	
France	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Germany	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Ghana	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Greece	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Grenada	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Guam	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Hong Kong SAR	2	2	1	1	1	2	
Hungary	2	1	2	1	2	1	
Iceland	1	1	1	1	1	1	
India	3	3	4	3	3	3	
Indonesia	3	2	3	2	2	3	
Iran	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Ireland	1	1	1	1	1	1	

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	570 ELICOS	571 Schools	572 VET	573 Higher Education	574 Postgraduate Research	575 Non Award	
Israel	2	3	2	2	2	2	all 576 travel documents are Assessment Level 2
Italy	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Japan	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Jordan	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Kenya	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Kiribati	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Korea, Republic of	2	2	3	2	1	2	
Kuwait	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Laos	4	3	3	3	3	4	
Latvia	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Lebanon	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Liechtenstein	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lithuania	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Luxembourg	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Macau (SAR)	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Malaysia	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Maldives	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Malta	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mauritius	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Mexico	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Monaco	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Mongolia	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Nauru	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Nepal	3	3	4	3	3	3	
Netherlands	1	1	1	1	1	1	
New Caledonia	2	2	2	2	2	2	
New Zealand	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Nigeria	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Northern Mariana Islands	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Norway	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Oman	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Pakistan	4	4	4	4	3	4	
Papua New Guinea	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Paraguay	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Peru	2	1	2	1	1	1	
Philippines	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Poland	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Portugal	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Puerto Rico	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Qatar	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Romania	2	2	2	2	2	2	

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Russian Federation	3	3	3	3	3	3	<b>all 576 travel documents are Assessment Level 2</b>
Samoa, Western	3	3	3	3	3	3	
San Marino	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Saudi Arabia	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Seychelles	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Singapore	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Slovak Republic	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Slovenia	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Solomon Islands	3	3	3	3	3	3	
South Africa	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Spain	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Sri Lanka	3	3	4	3	3	3	
St Kitts-Nevis	2	2	2	2	2	2	
St Lucia	2	2	2	2	2	2	
St Vincent & Grenadines	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Sweden	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Switzerland	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Taiwan	1	2	2	1	1	1	
Tanzania	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Thailand	2	2	2	2	1	2	
Tonga	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Trinidad and Tobago	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Turkey	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Tuvalu	3	3	3	3	3	3	
United Arab Emirates	1	1	1	1	1	1	
United Kingdom							
- British Citizen	1	1	1	1	1	1	
- British National Overseas	2	2	1	1	1	2	
United States of America	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Uruguay	2	3	2	2	2	3	
Vatican City State	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Venezuela	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Vietnam	4	3	3	3	2	4	
Zambia	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Zimbabwe	3	3	3	2	2	3	