

Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement Helping Australians do Business in Malaysia

The Agreement allows for:

- more Australian managers and specialists can **work in Malaysia** and stay for longer periods;
- easier access to **visas for spouses and dependants** of Australians working in Malaysia for 12 months or longer;
- Australian **goods sellers and investors** can enter and stay in Malaysia as “Business Visitors” for up to 90 days; and
- a more timely and transparent visa application process for skilled personnel travelling to Malaysia.

In the **financial services** sector, Malaysia has increased the number of Australian senior managers and specialists allowed per organisation and extended the maximum period of stay from five to ten years.

Malaysia has removed all limitations on entry for Australian professionals in **accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services** sectors.

Malaysia has removed restrictions on the number of visas it gives to Australian providers of **taxation services**.

Malaysia now allows up to 30 per cent of lecturers at a **private higher education** institution to be Australian (up from 20 per cent).

Malaysia has increased the number of Australian **architectural services** suppliers allowed to operate in Malaysia from two to four and now allows Australian architects to work in Malaysia without the need to sit a local qualifying exam.