

1) PROGRAMMES OFFERED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Malaysian Institute of Art offers full-time programmes in the following disciplines. All programmes are approved by the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE) and accredited by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).

DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

- Diploma in Fine Art (R3/211/4/0004) July 2026 (MQA/FA1510)
- Diploma in Graphic Design (R3/213/4/0009) July 2026 (MQA/FA1512)
- Diploma in Illustration (R3/213/4/0369) July 2026 (MQA/FA1511)
- Diploma in Industrial Design (R3/214/4/0225) July 2026 (MQA/FA1513)
- Diploma in Interior Design (R3/214/4/0110) July 2026 (MQA/FA1514)
- Diploma in Music (R3/212/4/0060) July 2026 (MQA/FA1509)
- Diploma in Textile and Fashion Design (R3/214/4/0224) July 2026 (MQA/FA1515)

2) APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

PROGRAMME	INTAKE	STUDY DURATION
Diploma	JANUARY	6 long semesters + internship (2.5 - 3 years)
	APRIL / MAY	
	AUGUST / SEPTEMBER	

Note: Applicants are advised to submit the completed admission form at least four (4) months before intake commences.

3) ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who possess the following academic qualifications can apply to study at MIA by submitting the relevant application form together with a **non-refundable application fee of RM 500.** Only accredited academic qualifications will be considered for admission.

a) Commonly Accepted Academic Qualifications

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UEC with minimum 3 Grade B in any subjects; or • O-Level with minimum 3 Grade C in any subjects; or • Any other equivalent qualification recognized by the Malaysian government; <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit two (2) A4 size hand drawings (personal choice of media, technique and subject matter). Digitally drawing / printed artworks are NOT accepted.

- **Diploma in Music** (R3/212/4/0060) July 2026 (MQA/FA1509)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UEC with minimum 3 Grade B in any subjects; or • O-Level with minimum 3 Grade C in any subjects; or • Any other equivalent qualification recognized by the Malaysian government; <p><u>AND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Obtained Grade 5 in theory <u>and</u> practical for piano (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music [ABRSM] certificate or equivalent); <u>OR</u> A grade 4 in theory <u>and</u> practical for other musical instruments (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music [ABRSM] certificate or equivalent); <u>AND</u> ii. Pass music audition by submit video / recordings of performance / composition online. <p><u>Guidelines for submission of video</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a video recording (live and unedited) of two contrasting pieces of your Principal Study from the standard repertoire, the date of performance must be within ONE year. • At the beginning of the video file, introduce yourself (with full name), the title and composer of the pieces. • Submit the video recording through YouTube, or another similar online video service website. • Title of the video should be "Your Full Name – MIA Audition for Jan intake 2023", for example. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(continue in next page)</i></p>

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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- Video submission should not exceed 12 minutes in total.
- High quality video with clear audio is preferred, the face (and fingers if you are a pianist) must be visible.
- Cell phone video quality is acceptable.
- Vocalist must be accompanied.

Note: Please use the Music Video Audition Form which is downloadable from MIA's website.

b) Qualification from other countries

COUNTRIES	LEVEL OF PROGRAMMES	NAME OF QUALIFICATION
Non-country specific	Diploma	➤ International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Certificate
	Bachelor Degree	➤ International Baccalaureate Diploma ➤ International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP)
China	Bachelor Degree	➤ Senior Secondary School Graduation Certificate ➤ Graduation Certificate from a Vocational / Technical Secondary School (Zhixiao / Zhigao) or a Skilled Worker School (Jixiao)
Indonesia	Diploma	➤ Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Umum (SMU) 3 / Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Atas (SMA) / Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (SMK) / Ijazah Madrasah Aliyah. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gred purata 5 – 5.9 (bagi lulusan tahun 2014 dan sebelumnya). • Gred purata 55 – 65 (bagi lulusan mulai tahun 2015). ➤ Ijazah Pendidikan Kesetaraan Program Paket C (bagi lulusan mulai tahun 2015) dengan gred purata 55 – 65.
	Bachelor Degree	➤ Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Umum (SMU) 3 / Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Atas (SMA) / Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (SMK) / Ijazah Madrasah Aliyah. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gred purata 6 – 10 (bagi lulusan tahun 2014 dan sebelumnya). • Gred purata 66 – 100 (bagi lulusan mulai tahun 2015). ➤ Ijazah Pendidikan Kesetaraan Program Paket C (bagi lulusan mulai tahun 2015) dengan gred purata 66 – 100.

COUNTRIES	LEVEL OF PROGRAMMES	NAME OF QUALIFICATION
Philippines	Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Certificate / Diploma (Katunayan / Katibayan) – High School (Grade 10) (to 2015) ➤ Certificate / Diploma (Katunayan / Katibayan) – Junior High School (Grade 10) (to 2016)
	Bachelor Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Certificate / Diploma (Katunayan / Katibayan) – Senior High School (Grade 12)
South Korea	Bachelor Degree	High School Diploma / High School Graduation Equivalency Examination
Taiwan	Bachelor Degree	Senior High School Leaving Certificate (also known as Senior High School Graduation Certificate)

For other academic qualifications recognized by the Malaysian government, please check with our Promotion & Marketing team.

c) English Language Requirements

ALL applicants must fulfill any one of the following English requirements as part of the admission criteria.

English Competency	Types of Examination	Validity Duration	Minimum Scores (Diploma)	Minimum Scores (Degree)
International English Language Testing System	IELTS	2 Years	4.0	5.0
Test of English as a Foreign Language	TOEFL iBT	2 Years	30 - 31	42
	TOEFL Essentials (Online)	2 Years	5	7.5
Pearson Test of English	PTE Academic / PTE Academic (Online)	2 Years	36	47
Cambridge English Qualifications and Tests	CAE / CPE	No Expiry Date	140	154
	Linguaskill Online	No Expiry Date	140	154
	Occupational English Test (OET) (Conventional / Online)	No Expiry Date	200	200
ELS	Certified Intensive English Programme Level (CIEP Level)	2 Years	106	107

Applicants who obtained Cambridge / Pearson O-Level or A-Level qualification can be exempted from this requirement. However, they are required to submit a certification letter from the concerned institution which states that the programme was conducted in English.

4) FEES INFORMATION

The following are the fees imposed for international applicants / students.

a) **Application Fees**

The following application fees will be collected.

Type of Fees	Amount (RM)
Application Fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-refundable fee. Fee to be paid when submitting the admission form. 	500
Pre-VAL Application Fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee for application of Visa and first year Student Pass (inclusive of EMGS application fee, eVAL fee, post-medical screening fee, health insurance, student pass, iKad and multiple entry visa fee). Fee to be paid after Offer Letter has been issued. 	2,000
Personal Bond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refundable fee. Fee to be refunded at the end of the study. The rate of personal bond is according to the applicant's country of nationality. Fee to be paid immediately upon eVAL is approved. 	200 – 2,000

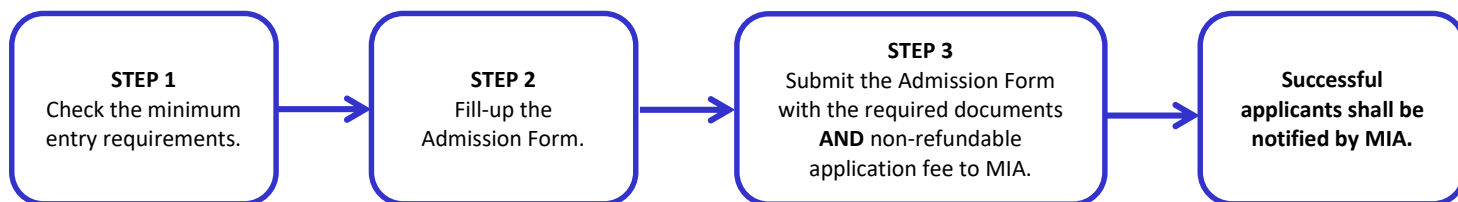
b) **Personal Bond**

Amount	Countries
RM 2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada Colombia Angola Burkina Faso Burundi Cameroon Central African Republic Republic Congo Republic Democratic Congo Cote D'Ivoire Djibouti Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Ethiopia Guinea-Bissau Ghana Liberia Mali Mozambique Niger Nigeria Rwanda USA Western Sahara
RM 1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saudi Arabia Africa Australia British C.I Brunei China Europe Iran Iraq Portugal C.I Taiwan Tunisia Vietnam Other countries
RM 1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japan South Korea Macao Hong Kong
RM 750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangladesh Philippines India Myanmar Nepal Pakistan Sri Lanka
RM 500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia
RM 300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thailand
RM 200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore

c) Programme Fees

- The Programme Fees for international students are collected in every semester. It is inclusive of Resource Fee and Tuition Fee.
- The first payment of Programme Fee shall be collected **BEFORE** students enter Malaysia. The following fees are also collected together with the first payment:
 - Personal Bond (one-off, refundable at the end of study...to be paid immediately upon eVAL is approved)
 - Caution Money (one-off, refundable at the end of study)
 - Orientation Fee (one-off, non-refundable)
 - Processing Fee (one-off, non-refundable)
 - Admission Fee (one-off, non-refundable)
- Processing Fee is collected for the purpose of paying the application fees to EMGS or other relevant government agencies in renewing the international students insurance and other pass applications such as pass renewal, transfer and/or shortening in the students' from 2nd year to 3rd year (for Diploma programme) or to 4th year (for degree programme). It is non-refundable and excluded application fee for Special Pass.
- From second semester and onwards, students are required to pay the Programme Fees within the first two weeks of the next academic session / semester, failing which they will be de-registered from the academic session and deemed to be non-active students. Subsequently, the students may be delisted from their study without prior notice.
- Fees are subject to changes without prior notice.
- Additional fees and/or administrative charges will be imposed in the event students are late in making payment and/or are not able to pass the subject(s) on their first attempt.
- Programme fees do not include convocation fee. Students are required to pay the convocation fee whether in attendance or in absentia during the convocation ceremony.

5) APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Note:

- Only successful applicants will be notified and MIA reserves the right to accept or reject the application.
- Application for admission must be made with the prescribed Admission Application Form (for International Students) and enclosed with a **non-refundable application fee of RM 500**. All **photocopied documents** must be in **A4 size**. Submitted documents and portfolio **WILL NOT BE RETURNED** and must be sent via registered mail to the following address:

International Students Unit
MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF ART
No. 294-299, Jalan Bandar 11
Taman Melawati
53100 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

- A **non-refundable application fee of RM 500.00** must be made through online banking or Telegraphic Transfer (TT) to MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF ART via Public Bank Berhad to the following address:

Address :	PUBLIC BANK BERHAD	Swift Code	: EMY KL
	Taman Melawati Branch,	Branch Code	: 118 TMW
	262-265, Jalan Bandar 12,	Account No.	: 3072310818
	Taman Melawati,		
	53100 Kuala Lumpur,		
	Malaysia.		

- Record of receipt can be sent together with the registered mail or emailed to rgoadmin@mia.edu.my. Please write your name and the programme that you have applied for on the receipt.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	NO. OF COPIES	DIPLOMA PROGRAMME	BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMME
Passport size photos with WHITE background (35mm x 45mm). Please refer to EMGS website (https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/) for 'Passport Photo Guidelines'	2	✓	✓
Photocopy of Passport (in A4 size, landscape, maximum 2 pages of passport in one A4 sheet)	1	✓	✓
Photocopy of Country Identity Card	1	If available	If available
Photocopy of Birth Certificate	1	If applicable	If applicable
Certified true copy of ALL academic result from secondary / high school or relevant qualification (e.g. High School Diploma / UEC / O-Level / Diploma or other equivalent qualifications)	1	✓	✓
Certified true copy of ALL transcripts or academic results (from secondary / high school or relevant qualification)	1	✓	✓
Certified true copy of school leaving certificate (from secondary school / high school or relevant qualification)	1	If applicable	If applicable
Drawing in A4 size (hand drawing only) <i>Note: Digitally drawing / printed artworks are <u>NOT</u> accepted.</i>		2 pieces (all Diploma programmes except Music)	✗
Certified true copy of A.B.R.S.M certificate or equivalent – theory and practical; AND		For Music programme only	✗
Music Video Audition Form & Video Submission			
Portfolio / Final Year Diploma Project Portfolio (in pdf format)	1	✗	✓
Certified true copy of English proficiency test result	1	✓	✓
Consent on Personal Information Verification	1	✓	✓
Financial Statement / Sponsorship Letter (latest 3 months)	1	✓	✓
Health Declaration Form (downloadable from MIA website) <i>Note: This form must be hand-written.</i>	1	✓	✓

NOTES:

1. If the documents are in other languages than English, it must be accompanied with an **approved official English translation**.
2. All documents must be sent to MIA **at least four (4) months** before the commencement of new intake.
3. Please ensure that your **passport has a validity of at least 24 months from the intake date**.
4. If the submission was done via email, applicants are required to bring along the hard copy of the Admission Application Form and the above required documents when they enter into Malaysia.
5. All applicants are subject to pass an interview arranged by MIA. Only qualified applicants will be notified for the interview.

6) APPLICATION PROCESS

Stage 1: Admission Application

- 1) International applicants submit application form to MIA together with a non-refundable application fee of RM 500.
- 2) Admission Unit checks the application and arrange for interview. Offer Letter will be issued to shortlisted applicants only.

Stage 2: Pre-VAL Application

- 1) Shortlisted applicants pay Pre-VAL Application Fees to MIA. Upon receiving payment, MIA officer will submit the application for eVAL through Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS).
- 2) Application will be vetted by EMGS and the Immigration Department of Malaysia. Only successful applicants will be approved and issued the eVAL.
Note: MIA will refund portion of the Pre-VAL Application Fee to unsuccessful applicants (terms & conditions apply).
- 3) MIA email the eVAL (a.k.a. Approval of Foreign Student Studying in Malaysia) to successful applicants and arrange for online meeting for VISA application and guide of entering Malaysia.
- 4) Applicants pay MIA the Personal Bond, first semester Programme Fees and apply for Single Entry Visa at their home country.

Stage 3: Entry to Malaysia

- 1) Before students arrive in Malaysia, he / she must ensure that the **Programme Fees has been paid and the required admission documents have been emailed to MIA.**
- 2) Students are required to download the EMGS Connect Mobile App and fill-up the necessary required information not later than 3 working days (weekend and public holidays are excluded) before travelling to Malaysia. This app can be downloaded to the student's mobile phone through Google Play Store or Apple Store.
- 3) Students are recommended to arrive in Malaysia two (2) weeks before the commencement date of the intake. Notification of arrangement for airport pickup must be sent to Registry via email (rgoadmin@mia.edu.my) at least seven (7) days before arrival. The following information is needed:
 - i) Date and time of departure from home country;
 - ii) Port / place of departure;
 - iii) Date and time of arrival at Kuala Lumpur and the Airport (KLIA or KLIA 2);
 - iv) Airline name and flight ticket.
- 4) Students who are coming from or who have transited for more than 12 hours through countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission are required to submit a valid **Yellow Fever Vaccination Certification** for immigration clearance.
- 5) Students are required to fill the Disembarkation Card provided by the airline crew. It is important to keep the card.

- 6) Students are advised to bring in cash in the form of Bank Draft or Traveler's Cheque for safety reasons. However, it is also recommended to bring along some Ringgit Malaysia for daily usage. Students are also required to declare if the amount they carry exceeds USD 10,000 or the equivalent.
- 7) Upon landing in Malaysia, students MUST proceed to the **EMGS International Student Arrival Centre (ISAC)** and show the EMGS Connect Mobile App to the ISAC officer for verification purpose.
- 8) The ISAC officer will accompany students for immigration clearance. These documents must be ready for immigration clearance.
 - i) eVAL; and
 - ii) EMGS Approval Letter; and
 - iii) a valid entry Visa; and
 - iv) Passport (with validity of at least 24 months).
- 9) When the students are granted entry to Malaysia, Immigration will issue the students with a **Special Pass** and student may proceed to collect the luggage from the carousel.
- 10) MIA representative will be waiting for the student at the airport lobby / pre-agreed area. Students will be sent to MIA's Registry Office for a short briefing and documents checking. After that, students will be sent to their hostel.

Note:

- Students are reminded **NOT** to keep any money, cheques, passport or any other important documents in their luggage when travelling to Malaysia.
- With reference to 'Documents Required for Submission', if the students have sent the required documents via email, they must bring along the original copy or certified true copy documents to MIA Admission Unit.

Stage 4: Post-Arrival / In-Country Medical Screening & Student Pass Endorsement

- 1) New international students are required to attend a Post-Medical Screening Examination at the authorized EMGS clinic **within seven (7) days upon arrival**. The clinic will send the medical examination report to EMGS directly.

Note: International students who are already in Malaysia and are applying to change their course of study or are applying for a higher level of study (progression students) will be required to attend the Post-Arrival Medical Screening if the last in-country medical screening was done more than 180 days from the date of applying for a new pass.

- 2) Students shall be required **to fast for at least 8 hours before the medical test is taken**. During the fasting period, no foods and drinks (eg: coffee, tea, alcoholic drinks) are allowed except drinking of water (mineral water only). It is also advised that the students should not consume any alcoholic drinks within three (3) days before the medical test is taken.

- 3) Upon being notified by EMGS, MIA will collect the passport from the student for Student Pass endorsement and iKad processing.

Note: Students who failed the medical screening are required to make an appeal to the clinic directly for second evaluation of test. The cost of second evaluation shall be borne by the students. The Student Pass will not be issued if students are not successful in the second evaluation and students will be asked to leave Malaysia.

- 4) The Student Pass, iKad and insurance is valid for one (1) year. MIA will assist students for renewal of the above items three (3) months before the expiry date.

7) ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in MIA are off-campus accommodation and it is managed by authorized agent of MIA. It comes in various accommodation types such as landed houses, apartment or condominium. The Student Affairs Department will assist students who need accommodation to liaise with the MIA's authorized agent for the booking of student hostel. However, students must acknowledge that the availability is limited and it is based on first-come, first-served basis.

Majority of the student hostel is on sharing basis and is furnished with bed, study table, wardrobe and fan or air-conditioner. The rental rate ranges from RM400 to RM800 based on twin-sharing, triple sharing or quadruple sharing. Single room is very limited and the rental is higher. Students will be required to pay a booking fee of first month rental for booking reservation to MIA's authorized agent at least two (2) weeks before the intake commences. Students will also be required to sign one-year accommodation contract with the authorized agent of MIA.

Students who opt out from the student hostel may look for accommodation on their own. The monthly rental for a single room can range from RM 800 to RM 2,000 per month depending on the requirement of the students. The rental might be higher when the distance of accommodation is nearer to MIA campus and/or when students demand for more facilities.

All accommodation rental is not included in the programme fee and shall be borne by the students. It is highly advisable for students to secure their accommodation in Malaysia BEFORE they enter Malaysia. Students are also required to acknowledge that it is a normal practice for the accommodation provider to collect the first month rental together with a deposit of 2 – 3 months' rental as confirmation of accommodation booking before they arrive to Malaysia.

8) USEFUL WEBSITES

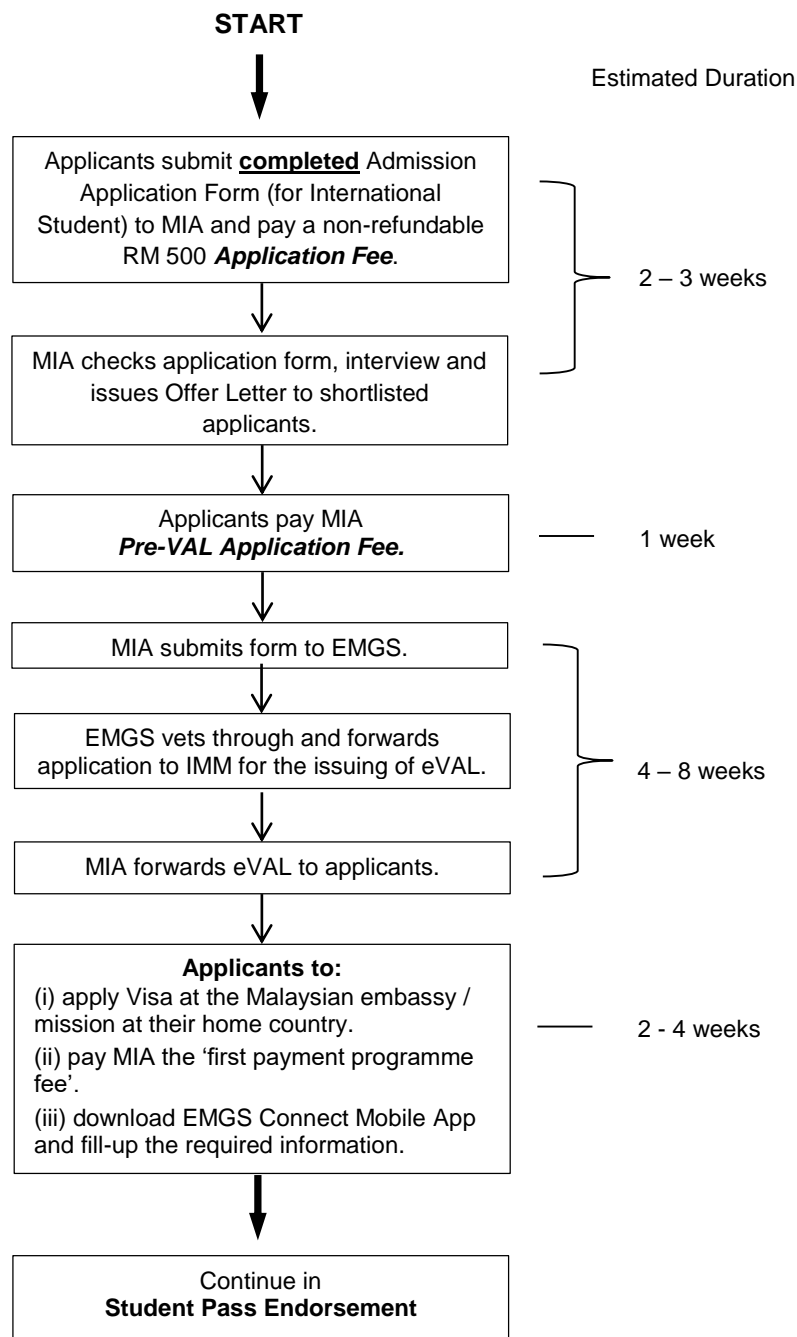
- Malaysian Institute of Art (<https://mia.edu.my/>)
- Education Malaysia Global Services (<https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/>)
- Immigration Department of Malaysia (<https://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/utama/>)
- Royal Malaysian Customs Department (<http://www.customs.gov.my/en/pages/main.aspx>)

9) FOR ENQUIRIES & CONTACT

Promotions & Marketing Department
Contact : +603-4108 8100
Email : marketing@mia.edu.my

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION APPLICATION PROCESS CHART

Admission and Visa Application Process



Note: IMM – Immigration Department Malaysia

Student Pass Endorsement

