Legislation on Education

To develop a world class quality education and to meet the demands and requirements of the next millennium as well as to affirm the position of English as a second language, the Government has initiated a major educational reform by formulating a new legislation on education. It was tabled in the Parliament from 1995 to 1997. These new reformative legislation covers all levels of education from pre-school to higher education. They are:

The Education Act, 1996: This Act seeks to widen the scope of education in the country. It incorporates all categories of schools (except international schools), under the national system of education. The aim of the Act is to ensure relevance and quality in the system of education. The Act provides for the upgrading and enhancing of pre-school education, teacher education, special education, private education and technical education. And also, value education is given greater emphasis. Under this Act, the position of English as a second language is affirmed whilst the teaching of foreign languages is promoted.

The Private Higher Educational Institutions Act, 1996: This Act makes provision for the establishment of private universities, university colleges, branch campuses of foreign universities as well as the upgrading of existing colleges to universities. The Act enables a further liberalisation of higher education in the country to meet the increasing demand for tertiary education and for a highly educated and skilled manpower.

National Council on Higher Education Act, 1996: This Act was formulated to enable the setting up of a national body to determine policy and to co-ordinate the development of tertiary education in the country in order to meet the rapid expansion of higher education in the country.

National Accreditation Board Act, 1996: This Act provides for the setting up of a board to ensure that high academic standards, quality and control are maintained in both public and private higher education institutions.

Universities and University Colleges (Amendment) Act, 1996: This Act seeks to corporatise the management and administration of public universities. With corporatisation, these universities are given more administrative and financial autonomy to chart programmes necessary for academic excellence.

National Higher Education Fund Board Act, 1997: This Act seeks to establish a fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance by way of educational loans for students studying in higher education institutions in Malaysia. The Act also provides for the establishment of a saving scheme to encourage children to start saving as early as Year 1 in primary school towards financing their higher education.

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Approved Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) by Malaysian Ministry of Education, 1999.

A. Private Colleges

- 1. Adoma Institute of Technology, Pulau Pinang
- 2. Akademi TV3, Kuala Lumpur
- 3. AMSET, Kuala Lumpur
- 4. Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT), Kuala Lumpur
- 5. Bakti College, Kuala Lumpur
- 6. Binary Business School, Selangor
- 7. Brickfields College, Kuala Lumpur
- 8. British-Malaysian Institute (BMI), Selangor
- 9. Cempaka College, Kuala Lumpur
- 10. Central Academy of Art (CAA), Selangor
- 11. Center for Advanced Design (CENFAD), Kuala Lumpur
- 12. Cosmopoint, Kuala Lumpur
- 13. Disted-Stamford, Pulau Pinang
- 14. ELS International Language Centres, Selangor
- 15. Equator Academy of Arts and Design, Pulau Pinang
- 16. Federal Institute of Technology (FIT), Selangor
- 17. Financial Times Management, Selangor
- 18. Flamingo Institute of Further Education, Kuala Lumpur
- 19. FTMS-ICL School of Computing, Kuala Lumpur
- 20. Gan Institute, Kuala Lumpur
- 21. German Malaysian Institute, Selangor
- 22. Goon Institute, Kuala Lumpur
- 23. HELP Institute, Kuala Lumpur
- 24. IKIP
- 25. Informatics, Selangor
- 26. Inst Advertising Comm. Training (ACT), Selangor
- 27. Institut Aptech, Kuala Lumpur
- 28. Institut Astin, Kuala Lumpur
- 29. Institut Bina Usahawan (EDI), Kuala Lumpur
- 30. Institut Elektro Tek Gemini, Kuala Lumpur
- 31. Institut Megatech, Selangor
- 32. Institut Nirwana, Kuala Lumpur
- 33. Institut Pengurusan Frontier, Pulau Pinang
- 34. Institut Pengurusan Global, Selangor
- 35. Institut Perkim Goon, Pulau Pinang
- 36. Institut Profesional Baitulmal, Selangor
- 37. Institut Profesional Sterling, Selangor
- 38. Institut Sarjana, Perak
- 39. Institut Teknologi Jaya, Selangor
- 40. Institut Teknologi Linton, Perak
- 41. Institut Teknologi Pertama, Selangor
- 42. Institut teknologi Universal, Selangor
- 43. International City Inst of Technology (CITI), Kuala Lumpur
- 44. International College, Kedah
- 45. International College of Music (ICOM), Selangor

- 46. INTI College, Selangor / Negeri Sembilan 47. Ipoh Learning and Training Institute (ILTI), Perak 48. ITTAR, Kuala Lumpur 49. Jayadiri Institute of Technology, Selangor 50. Kemayan Advance Tertiary College (ATC), Kuala Lumpur 51. KLC Centre for Higher Studies, Kuala Lumpur 52. KMYS, Selangor 53. Kolei Aman, Selangor 54. Kolej Antarabangsa Berjaya, Selangor 55. Kolei Bandar Utama (KBU), Selangor 56. Kolej Damansara Utama (KDU), Selangor 57. Kolej Ikram, Selangor 58. Kolej Inpens, Selangor 59. Kolej Kasturi, Kuala Lumpur 60. Kolej Lagenda, Kuala Lumpur 61. Kolej Negeri, Negeri Sembilan 62. Kolej Utara, Pulau Pinang 63. Kuala Lumpur College of Art, Kuala Lumpur 64. L&G Twintech Institute of Technology, Selangor 65. Limkokwing Institute of Creative Technology (LICT), Selangor 66. Malaysian France Institute, Selangor 67. Malaysian Institute of Art (MIA), Selangor 68. Malaysian Institute of Management (MIM), Kuala Lumpur 69. Malaysian Institute of Training and Development, Kuala Lumpur 70. Maritime Academy Malaysia (ALAM) 71. Metropolitan College, Selangor 72. Midas College **73. NIIT** 74. Nilai College, Negeri Sembilan 75. Olympia Business School, Kuala Lumpur / Selangor 76. Penang Medical College, Pulau Pinang 77. Pernas Hotel School, Kuala Lumpur 78. PJ College of Art & Design, Selangor 79. Petaling Jaya Community College (PJCC), Selangor 80. PRIME College, Kuala Lumpur / Miri 81. Pusat Teknologi & Pengurusan Latihan (PTPL), Selangor 82. Regent School of Economics, Kuala Lumpur 83. Reliance College, Kuala Lumpur 84. RIMA Colege, Kuala Lumpur 85. Saito Academy, Selangor 86. SAL Group of Colleges, Kuala Lumpur 87. Sankhya Institute of IT, Kuala Lumpur 88. School of Audio Engineering, Selangor 89. Sedaya College, Selangor 90. Sepang Institute of Technology, Selangor
- 91. SIM Academy of Music, Selangor92. Stamford College
- Strategic Business School, Kuala Lumpur
 Summit International College, Selangor
- 95. Sunway College, Selangor
- 96. Systematic Education Group, Kuala Lumpur
- 97. Syuen College, Perak
- 98. TAFE College, Negeri Sembilan / Kuala Lumpur
- 99. TAR College, Kuala Lumpur

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100.	Taylor's College, Selangor	
101.	Taylor's School of Hotel Management, Selangor	
102.	Terengganu Advanced Technical Institute (TATI), Terengganu	
103.	Travtrade College of Hospitality & Tourism, Selangor	
104.	Travex Institute of Tourism, Kuala Lumpur	
105.	Workers Institute of Technology (WIT)	
106.	Yayasan Pelajaran Mara (YPM), Selangor	
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*Note: According to Ministry of Education, there are more than 600 registered private colleges, although less than half of that number may actually be active. In fact, it is understood that LAN has actually received applications from only 160 colleges (*Education Quarterly*, "The Business of Education", Issue No. 4, April/June, 1999, p. 46-48). Therefore, the private colleges as listed above are among the most active colleges in the regionfor the past two years.

Source:

Education Quarterly, Emigen Sdn Bhd Publisher, Issue No. 2 – 6, 1998-1999. http://studymalaysia.lycosasia.com.my/lycosasia/edu_sys/natedusys/nat5.html

B. Private Universities or University Colleges

- 1. Universiti Telekom-Universiti Multimedia (UNITELE)
- 2. Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN)
- 3. Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP)
- 4. Universiti Sains and Teknologi (MUST)
- 5. Universiti Internasional Komanwel Malaysia (TICUM)
- 6. Universiti Perubatan Antarabangsa (IMU)
- 7. Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNITAR) Virtual University

*Note: Virtual education format provides flexibility, letting students plan and study in their own time, pace and spcae. The university provides revolutionary multimedia coursewares, advanced campus network systems and a host of other innovative technologies to support bachelor's and postgraduate degree studies — the virtual way.

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C. Foreign University Branch Campuses

- 1. Monash University Sunway Campus Australia
- 2. Curtin University of Technology Sarawak Campus Australia
- 3. University of Nottingham Campus in Malaysia United Kingdom

Source:

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D. Professional Bodies

- 1. Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- 2. Australian Society of CPAs
- 3. Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- 4. Institute of Bankers, Malaysia
- 5. Institution of Engineers Malaysia
- 6. Legal Profession Qualifying Board
- 7. London Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- 8. Malaysian Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA)
- Malaysian Association of the Institution of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators (MAICSA)
- 10. Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)
- 11. Malaysian Institute of Architects
- 12. Malaysian Medical Association (MMA)

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Malaysian Immigration Guidelines for Foreigners Intending to Study in Malaysia

In line with Malaysia's aspiration to become a Centre of Educational Excellence, the Immigration Authorities have instituted new regulations to make applications by foreigners to study in Malaysia easier.

A Foreigner intending to study in Malaysia is required to apply for a Student Pass from the relevant State Immigration Department in Malaysia. This can be done via the Malaysian Mission in his own country or applying by writing directly to the respective State Immigration Department in Malaysia where the intended institution of study is located.

Submission Requirement Checklist:

- 1. Student Pass application [Form IMM-14] to be completed in duplicate together with four (4) recent passport-type photographs (size: 3.5 x 5.0 cm);
- 2. Visa application [Form IMM-47] to be completed in triplicate together with three (3) recent photographs (size: 3.5 x 5.0 cm) Citizens of commonwealth countries are exempted;
- Student's Personal Data form to be completed in duplicate and for applicants above 18 years of age, Form BTK-100 to be completed in duplicate as well;
- 4. Original Letter of Offer from the respective Malaysian institution or school:

Acceptable Letters of Offers include those issued from:

- I. Government / Quasi-Government educational institutions.
- II. Government training / research centres e.g. INTAN and IKM.
- III. Local private educational institutions approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Documents showing academic qualifications photocopies from respective school(s)/college(s) acceptable;
- Letter of approval from the Ministry of Education of Malaysia for citizens of the People's Republic of China and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

Immigration Requirement at Point-of-Entry on Arrival in Malaysia:

Valid Student Pass: or Possession of a Letter of Offer from any approved Malaysian educational institutions, in which case a one-month Social Visit Pass is issued (the student needs to subsequently apply for the Student Pass from the respective State Immigration Department immediately on arrival in the respective State;

- Valid Passport or Travel Document;
- Visa to enter Malaysia for the duration of the respective course-of-study (if applicable);
- 4. Proof of financial support of Ringgit Malaysia RM8,000 per annum (excluding course/college/school fees) for the duration of the course of study in question.

Annual Extension of Student Pass:

The validity of the Student Pass is normally one year and has to be extended annually. A letter of recommendation from a Malaysian educational institution or school in support of the Student Pass extension is required.

Upon the approval of the issuance of the Student Pass and upon each granting of an annual extension, a fee of RM60 in cash is payable on collection/endorsement of the Student Pass at the respective State Immigration Department or at any designated point of collection.

Citizens of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the People's Republic of China are only allowed to enrol into Government or Quasi-Government educational institutions and their enrolment must also be approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Education.

Students pursuing Masters or PhDs are allowed to bring their immediate family members on Social Visit Passes with the validity corresponding to the respective Student Pass. They too must provide proof of financial support or capability- wife at RM6,000 per annum and each child at RM3,500 per annum.

West Malaysians interested to Study in East Malaysia:

Citizens of Peninsular (West) Malaysia wishing to study in East Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak) are required to apply to the Ministry of Education in Sabah or Sarawak for a letter of recommendation. Student Passes are to be obtained from the relevant Immigration Departments of Sabah or Sarawak.

The National Malaysian Immigration Authority is located in Kuala Lumpur and can be reached at the following address:

Pejabat Ketua Pengarah Imigresen (The Office of the Director General of Immigration)
Paras 7, Blok H
Pusat Bandar Damansara
50604 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 6-03-2555077

Fax: 6-03-2562340

Source: The Malaysian Private Education Reference Guide, NAPIEI, 1997.