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Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



## Summary

- Cannabis remains illegal in Malaysia for both medical and recreational use.
- No legal framework currently allows for medical cannabis prescriptions or importation.
- Experimental or registered cannabis-based products may be considered under strict regulatory.
- Travelers should not bring any cannabis products (including CBD), as these are treated as controlled substances.

## Background

Under the Dangerous Drugs Act 1952, Poisons Act 1952, and Sale of Drugs Act 1952, cannabis and its derivatives are strictly regulated and classified as dangerous drugs. Penalties for possession, cultivation, or trafficking are severe and may include imprisonment, caning, or even the death penalty for large-scale trafficking offenses

Although Malaysia is exploring medical cannabis policy:

- In 2021, the Health Minister stated that cannabis-based medical products may be permitted if they are registered with the Drug Control Authority (DCA), and importers hold relevant licensing under existing regulations.
- As of March 2025, the Health Ministry opened product registration opportunities for cannabis-based products backed by sufficient scientific evidence.
- Cultivation remains strictly prohibited, except in authorized research or educational contexts with ministerial approval.
- However, no cannabis-based medical product is yet registered or available within Malaysia.

## Non-Medical Cannabis

- Consumption: Illegal. Public or private use is not tolerated and may result in arrest, prosecution, and imprisonment.



- Possession: Possessing 200g or more of cannabis is considered trafficking. Even small amounts (under 50g) can lead to imprisonment up to 10 years, a fine, or both.
- Sale & Distribution: Strictly prohibited. Trafficking cannabis or related substances carries life imprisonment, depending on quantity.

## Traveling to Malaysia with Medical Cannabis

Bringing cannabis into Malaysia, including medical cannabis, CBD oil, or any derivative, is strictly forbidden. Foreign prescriptions are not recognized, and cannabis is treated uniformly as a controlled substance.

There is no exception for travelers with medical need.

### Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not carry any cannabis product.
2. Carry only non-cannabis medications that are legal.
3. Obtain pharmacy-labeled packaging with valid prescription for all legal medications.
4. Do not rely on foreign prescriptions for cannabis. The Malaysian authorities do not acknowledge them.

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## Practical Tips

- If you are taking other medications, carry them in original packaging with prescriptions and clinic letters, best to verify legality via embassy.
- Speak to your embassy or consulate regarding your medical needs before planning travel.
- Use alternative, legal permitted medicines during your stay in Malaysia.

*The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.*

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