

Foreign spouses, kids of M'sian citizens can apply to return

PUTRAJAYA: Foreign spouses and children of Malaysian citizens with no long-term visit passes can apply for permission to enter the country, says Immigration director-general Datuk Khairul Dzaimie Daud.

According to Bernama, only applicants from countries who are allowed to enter Malaysia will be considered.

“For countries that are subject to entry restrictions, the applications will not be considered until there is a decision to lift the entry restrictions for these countries,” he said in a statement yesterday.

Applicants who are allowed to enter the country are foreign wives or husbands and children of Malaysian citizens or permanent residents.

Khairul Dzaimie said the application must be sent via email to gforce@imi.gov.my for evaluation.

Applicants can visit the website www.imi.gov.my to get procedures and guidelines for admission to the category before submitting a complete application to gforce@imi.gov.my.

Earlier this month, *The Star* reported calls

from the Foreign Spouse Support Group for the Malaysian government to review immigration policies and protocols that determined the entry approval for foreign spouses and children of Malaysians.

The group said that although they were non-citizens, they were still considered immediate family members.

“They are stranded overseas and have been ‘locked out’ of their Malaysian homes,” it said.

Meanwhile, Khairul Dzaimie said Malaysian passengers who were not allowed to board their flights at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport on Sept 14 did not submit applications to go abroad with the Immigration Department.

He noted there was a record of their entry to Malaysia during the movement control order (MCO) period.

He said the department announced in its latest guidelines on Sept 12 that Malaysian citizens who entered the country during the MCO period were required to obtain approval from the department if they wanted to leave the country. — Bernama