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- Government Officers and Administrators with supporting letters from their respective Ministries or Departments.
- Business persons who are actively involved in trade and investments with the APEC member countries and are recognized as member of:
 1. Any Chambers of Commerce or Association of manufacturers at national level.
 2. Any Association of trade and industry such as Wholesalers and Housing Developers Association at national level.
 3. Any Professional bodies in the Engineering and Accounting sector at national level.
 4. Government Agencies such as MITI, MIDA, SMIDEC, MATRADE and others of similar importance.

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- Fast clearance at entry and exit points at all member countries airports.
- Card holders are to carry their passports when traveling and are subjected to other procedures, law and regulations enforced by the countries concerned.
- Card holders can enjoy the same travel privileges given to non-visa requirement passport holders to these participating APEC countries through a fast and easy pre-clearance system.

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i. Applicant working in Malaysia

- APEC Business Travel Card Application Form
- A copy of Malaysian Passport (more than 3 years validity)
- Letter from employer and supporting letter from any trade association or any chambers of commerce.
- Company Registration Form (Form 24 & Form 49)
- One (1) recent photograph with light blue background in the size of 3.5 X 5 cm.

ii. Applicant working abroad

- APEC Business Travel Card Application Form
- Copy of working permit/permanent resident status.
- Supporting letter from employer (applicant particulars and reason(s) to apply APEC card).
- Company Registration Certificate
- One (1) recent photograph with light blue background in the size of 3.5 X 5 cm.

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Send your application to:


The Director of Visa, Pass and Permit Division
 Immigration Department of Malaysia
 APEC Business Travel Card Unit
 No. 15, Level 3(Podium),
 Persiaran Perdana, Precinct 2,
 Federal Government Administrative Centre,
 62550 PUTRAJAYA

For enquiry please contact APEC Business Travel Card Unit: (Telephone : 03-88801515/1410/1405/1404, Fax : 03-88801374, Email : abtc@imi.gov.my)

Check your application status through

www.businessmobility.org/key/CardStatus.asp?HomeEco=Malaysia

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Renewal of APEC Card

Renewal application could be put forward as the normal procedure from employer six (6) months before the card expire.

To update new passport details

Copy of the new passport, name of applicant and quote ABTC application number should be submitted to the APEC Business Travel Card Unit for issuance of new ABTC.

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