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IMMIGRATION TO BRUNEI

A comprehensive guide

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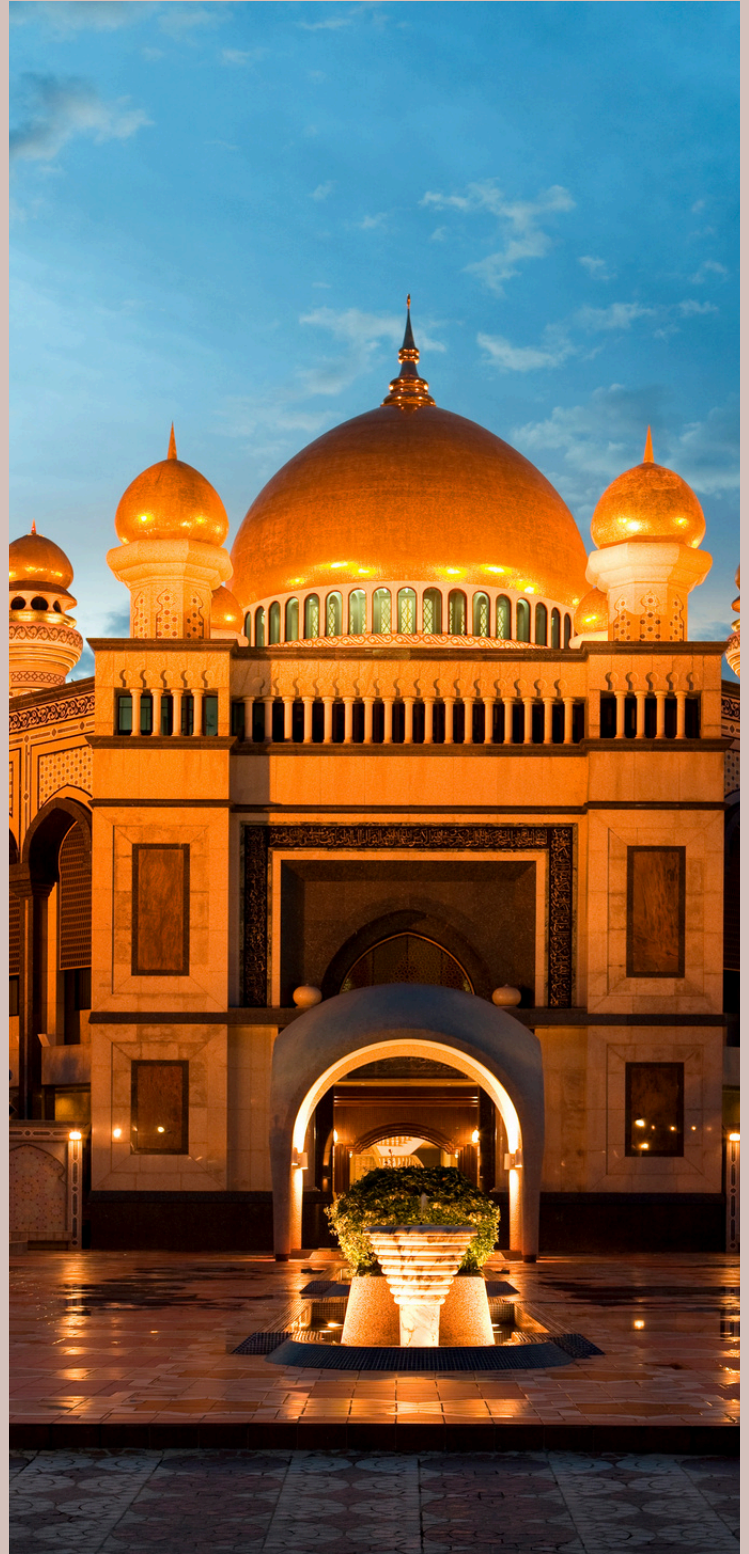
Introduction

Brunei Darussalam is located in the northwestern part of the island of Borneo, facing the South China Sea and surrounded by East Malaysia. Oil and gas have been the backbone of the country's economy since its discovery in 1929.

The official language of Brunei is Malay, but English is widely used in the corporate world. This permits a varied spectrum of internationals and ex-pats to live and work in the country.

Around 66% of the population is Malay, 11% is Chinese, 3% is indigenous and the remaining 20% is from various parts of the world. The country has a sizable expatriate population, primarily made up of businessmen who are drawn to the country by its thriving economy, as well as ex-pats who have retired to the country to enjoy the country's more Eastern culture and tropical climate.

Brunei is a Sharia-compliant country that adheres to Islam as its primary religion. Given the diversity of its population, though, it is generally quite welcoming of all religions.



Purposes of immigration



- **Education in brunei**

The government has made enormous investments in the development of modern educational infrastructure, such as schools, colleges, universities, and vocational training institutes. This guarantees that children have access to well-equipped classrooms and learning environments. The government provides free education from primary to post-secondary levels. This policy seeks to guarantee that education is available to all Bruneians, regardless of socioeconomic status.

To address the needs of a fast-changing global economy, Brunei has placed a heavy focus on science and technology education. The government has launched programs to promote Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) education and encourage students to seek employment in these disciplines. The government provides scholarships and study abroad programs to allow Brunei students to pursue higher education at respected universities across the world. These projects attempt to broaden students' educational experiences and create global viewpoints.

- **Working in brunei**

Brunei has competitive pay, particularly in the oil and gas, banking, and government industries. Employees may enjoy their entire compensation without income tax deductions, allowing them to invest more and have more spare cash.

Brunei's economy is stable and successful, owing mostly to its substantial oil and natural gas reserves. The country has a low unemployment rate and provides employees with job stability. With a typical work week of 40 hours, Brunei fosters a healthy work-life balance.

Despite its modest size, Brunei offers several possibilities for professional development and career advancement. The government prioritizes human capital investment and provides opportunities for skill development and promotion in both the public and commercial sectors.

- **Living in brunei-**

Brunei has a high level of life, with modern infrastructure, great healthcare, and a well-developed school system. The country offers its citizens a comfortable and convenient way of life.

It is regarded as one of the world's safest countries, with low crime rates and a significant emphasis on security.

Brunei boasts modern healthcare facilities as well as an intelligent healthcare system. Residents have access to high-quality medical care, and the government subsidizes healthcare for citizens and permanent residents.

Non-direct routes of immigration

Family reunification-

It is a pathway for individuals who have immediate family members, such as a spouse or children, already residing in Brunei as residents or citizens. This visa allows them to join their family members in Brunei and reside in the country.

Once the dependent visa is granted, the individual can legally live in Brunei and may also be eligible to work or study in the country, depending on the specific visa conditions.

Being granted a dependent visa also affords individuals access to various services and facilities in Brunei, such as healthcare, education, and other social amenities.

Education-

To obtain a student visa, individuals must first secure admission into a recognized educational institution in the country. After that, they can proceed with the student visa application process.

Once granted, individuals can legally reside in Brunei for the duration of their studies. Obtaining a student visa also provides access to various student support services offered by the educational institution, including academic resources, counseling services, and extracurricular activities.



Professional skills-

Visa that is granted to individuals possessing exceptional skills or talents in fields deemed important for the country's development. This visa is designed to attract professionals, athletes, artists, and individuals with unique expertise.

Evidence of outstanding achievements, qualifications, awards, or recognition in their area of expertise. Additionally, they may need to demonstrate how their skills or talents align with the development goals and priorities of Brunei to avail visa. Once the special talent visa is granted, individuals are allowed to reside in Brunei and engage in activities related to their specialized field.

Investment & business-

It offers a pathway for individuals who are willing to make a substantial investment in the country's economy. It aims to attract foreign investors and stimulate economic growth in Brunei.

The investment required for the visa is typically substantial and may vary depending on the nature and scale of the investment. Applicants need to provide comprehensive documentation and evidence of their investment plan, including details of the proposed business venture, financial statements, market analysis, and potential contributions to the local economy.

Visa allows them to manage their business or investment venture, participation in the local business community, and contributes to the growth and development of Brunei's economy.



Types of visas

Diplomatic Visa: This visa is issued to person visiting Brunei for official diplomatic purposes. It is granted to individuals representing their countries on diplomatic missions, such as ambassadors, diplomats, consular officers, or government officials.

Social Visit Visa: This visa is intended for individuals who wish to visit Brunei for social or tourism purposes. It allows foreigners to stay in Brunei temporarily to visit family or friends or explore the country's attractions. The social visit visa is typically valid for a specific duration, usually up to 30 days, and can be extended if needed.

Professional Visit Visa: This visa is granted to individuals who possess specialized professional skills or expertise required for a specific project awarded in Brunei. The professional visit visa is issued for a specific period aligned with the project's timeline.

Business Visit Visa: This visa is designed for individuals who intend to engage in business-related activities or investment opportunities in Brunei. It allows foreign businesspeople, entrepreneurs, investors, or representatives of companies to visit Brunei temporarily for business meetings, negotiations, or to explore potential business ventures.



Employment visa: This visa is required for individuals who have secured employment with a Brunei-based company or organization. It allows foreign workers to legally work and reside in Brunei for the duration of their employment contract.

Dependent visa: The dependent visa is issued to the spouse and children (usually under the age of 18) of individuals who hold a valid visa or employment permit in Brunei.

It allows the dependents to join the primary visa holder in Brunei and reside in the country legally. The dependent visa is typically sponsored by the primary visa holder and may require documentation to establish the family relationship.

Student visa: This visa is required for individuals who wish to pursue their studies at recognized educational institutions in Brunei. It allows foreign students to stay in Brunei for the duration of their study program.

The student visa is usually sponsored by the educational institution and requires proof of enrollment or acceptance into a recognized academic program.



Licenses and documentation

- The application for a Brunei visa.
- Passport, as well as a copy of passport, of which must be valid for at least another six months.
- Two passport-size photos were taken recently.
- A duplicate of return flight ticket.
- Proof of Brunei accommodation. If the person is staying with relatives or friends.
- Proof that person can sustain finances.
- The visa fee must be paid.
- A pre-paid, self-addressed envelope for the consular services to return documents if you are applying by mail.
- If traveling for business or investment then, sponsor must:
 1. provide the necessary company/organization papers; and
 2. give the Letter of Support.



How we can help?

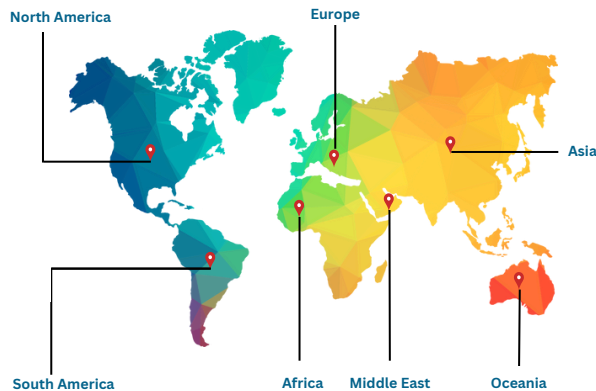
If an applicant is looking to immigrate to the Brunei, Chandrawat & Partners can be a valuable resource to help them navigate the complex immigration process. Here are a few ways how the firm can assist them:

Visa and Work Permit: The firm can assist the applicant understand the various visa options available to them, as well as the requirements for obtaining a work permit if they are planning to work in the Brunei. The firm can guide the applicant through the application process and ensure that all necessary documents are properly completed and submitted.

Translation and Notarization: The firm can assist with the translation and notarization of any required documents for the applicant's immigration application. This also includes documents such as the applicant's passport, birth certificate, and marriage certificate.

Appeals and Denials: If the applicant's immigration application is denied or they receive a negative decision, the firm can assist them in appealing the decision. The firm can provide legal advice on the grounds for appeal, assist with preparing the necessary documents, and represent the applicant in any hearings or proceedings.

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