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How we *choose*.

The rubric for Rumah Kediaman Siswa places. Six criteria, 100 marks, every band written out, and the reason each one is there.

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Six criteria. 100 marks. *No opinion anywhere in it.*

Every mark comes out of a number or a fixed choice the applicant gave in the form, backed by a document uploaded with it. No committee member can add a mark to anyone, and nothing in this rubric is decided by a panel's judgement.

Criterion, heaviest first		Marks
K1 Household needs ratio		30
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K3 Monthly living allowance and assistance		14
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01

Published first

The rubric went up on 12 August 2026, the day before applications opened, so anyone could work out their own score in advance and check it against ours afterwards.

02

Off a document

A claim without a readable document is not marked. The application is not rejected; it competes on the lower score. Nobody can waive this for anyone.

03

Frozen while scoring

From the moment the form opened, no criterion, band or weight was edited. A change after that applies to the next session, under a new version number.

Why need, and only need

RKS is need based housing. It is not a scholarship. There is no academic threshold, and CGPA carries no marks. Fifty places opened this session, 25 on each list, against far more applicants than beds. A rubric cannot build a room, but it can make sure the beds there are go to the people closest to the edge, and that the decision can be checked from outside the committee.

Income measured against what *the household needs*.

Lembaga Zakat Selangor publishes the monthly cost of each kind of household member. Add up the members of a household and you get the minimum it needs each month, its had kifayah. Divide gross household income by that figure and you get the nisbah.

Had kifayah components, Lembaga Zakat Selangor 2023	RM a month
Head of the household, the parent or guardian who heads it	1,215
Each working adult aged 18 and over, not counting the head	412
Each non working adult aged 18 and over, not counting the head	167
Each dependant studying at an IPT, including you	613
Each dependant aged 7 to 17	408
Each dependant aged 6 and under	175
Added for each household member registered OKU	247
Added for each household member with a chronic illness	243
Added once if the household pays for childcare for anyone aged 12 or under	330

These are Lembaga Zakat Selangor's published 2023 figures, unchanged. We did not set them and cannot adjust them for anyone, which is exactly why they are the ones we use. LZS publishes no component for an elderly dependant, so a grandparent who does not work counts as a non working adult. The OKU and chronic illness lines are added on top of whatever that person already counts as. The counts for OKU, chronic illness and childcare include the head of the household. Source: zakatselangor.com.my

Worked example

A household of six: a father who cannot work and is registered OKU, a mother earning, one student at university, and three children in school. 1,215 for the head, 412 for the working mother, 613 for the student, 1,224 for three children aged 7 to 17, and 247 for the OKU registration. Had kifayah is RM3,711. On a gross income of RM3,637 the nisbah is 0.98, and criterion 1 scores 22.8 out of 30.

Two households, two readings

RM6,500 supporting eight people needs RM4,252 a month: nisbah 1.53, 14.6 marks. RM4,800 supporting three needs RM2,240: nisbah 2.14, 5.4 marks. By income alone the first looks better off. Against what each has to cover, it is the one closer to the edge. That is why there is no income cut off anywhere in this rubric.

The 0.50 and 1.00 points are not ours either. They are the Lembaga Zakat Selangor thresholds separating fakir from miskin from households not eligible for zakat at all.

Every band, *and the reason for it.*

The criteria run in the order the form asks about them. Where a criterion says only the highest line counts, it means exactly that: holding three kinds of assistance scores the same as holding the strongest one.

K1

Household needs ratio

Nisbah kifayah isi rumah

30
marks

Your gross household income divided by what a household of exactly your composition needs each month. Below 1.00 means the household earns less than it needs.

Nisbah		Marks
Below 0.50		30
0.50		30
1.00		22.5
1.50		15
2.00		7.5
2.50 and above		0

A ratio between two rows is marked on a straight line between them, so 0.75 scores 26.25 and not 30. Nothing rounds in your favour or against you.

Why it is marked this way

Income on its own cannot tell a family of three from a family of nine. RM4,000 supporting three people and RM4,000 supporting nine are not the same situation. The ratio reads the income and the household together, so the household closest to the edge ranks first. It carries the most marks because it is the most direct measure of need the form collects.

Document that proves it

- Proof of household income: three months of payslips, an EPF statement, Borang BE or EA, a pension statement, or a Surat Akuan Pendapatan.
- Kad OKU or a hospital letter for any household member counted as OKU or chronically ill.
- A household income of nothing at all is a claim like any other and needs a document too. A Surat Akuan Pendapatan or an eKasih slip stands in for the payslip.

K2

Confirmed assistance status

Status bantuan disahkan

16

marks

Outside confirmation of the income you declared yourself. Only the highest line that applies is counted. They are never added together.

Status		Marks
Household registered on eKasih		16
JKM recipient: Bantuan Anak Pelajar, Bantuan Kanak Kanak or Bantuan OKU		14
Zakat education assistance		13
Household receiving Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah		11
None of the above, household income below RM2,560		10
None of the above, RM2,560 to RM3,439		9
None of the above, RM3,440 to RM4,309		8
None of the above, RM4,310 to RM5,249		7
None of the above, RM5,250 to RM11,819		3
None of the above, RM11,820 and above		0

The four assistance lines outrank every income line, so a household on eKasih scores 16 whatever its declared income says. The income boundaries are the national household income deciles from Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia's 2022 survey, used as published.

Why it is marked this way

A government agency or a zakat body has already looked at your household and reached a finding. That finding is checkable and was not written for this application, so it is stronger evidence than a figure typed into our form. Where there is no such finding, the income bands fall back on national figures that are not ours either.

Document that proves it

- eKasih confirmation slip, JKM assistance letter or payment slip, zakat education assistance letter, or STR approval.
- If you hold none of those, the income proof already uploaded for criterion 1 sets the band.

K3

Monthly living allowance and assistance

Elaun dan bantuan sara hidup bulanan

14

marks

The money that actually reaches you each month for living costs, in every form it arrives: money transferred to you, cash handed to you, and rent or bills your family pays on your behalf.

A month		Marks
Under RM300		14
RM300 to RM499		11
RM500 to RM699		9
RM700 to RM899		6
RM900 to RM1,199		3
RM1,200 and above		0

What you earn yourself from part time work is not counted here. Less money scores more marks, not fewer.

Why it is marked this way

RM170 of rent means something different to someone holding nothing than to someone holding a full living allowance. This criterion looks at the student, not the household. Part time pay is left out on purpose, so nobody is marked down for working.

Document that proves it

- PTPTN offer letter or agreement showing your tier.
- Scholarship or sponsorship offer letter showing whether it carries a living allowance.
- Zakat or JKM education assistance letter, if it is paid to you.

K4

Whether you could travel from home instead

*Kebolehan berulang alik***18**

marks

Road distance one way, from the town your family home is in to Universiti Malaya, read off Google Maps. Not which state you come from: someone in Hulu Selangor can be further out than someone in Nilai.

One way		Marks
The journey crosses the sea: Sabah, Sarawak or Labuan		18
250 km or more by road		15
120 to 250 km		12
75 to 120 km		10
50 to 75 km		8
35 to 50 km		6
20 to 35 km		4
10 to 20 km		2
Under 10 km		0

A distance that falls exactly on a boundary takes the higher mark. We measure from the town or postcode, never from the house number.

Why it is marked this way

Distance is used rather than travel time because both sides can check it: same map, same number. The far bands are three marks apart while the commuter bands are two, because at the far end the difference is one of kind. Johor Bahru, Alor Setar and Kota Bharu, 330 to 470 km away, mean home at semester break. Melaka and Ipoh, 145 to 205 km, mean home on a long weekend. Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan mean no journey home at all short of a flight. The top band names the sea rather than the aircraft so it can be checked against the address document.

Document that proves it

- Proof of the family address: a utility bill, quit rent bill or tenancy agreement. Cover the house number and street, leave the town and postcode showing.

K5

Family structure and support

*Struktur dan sokongan keluarga***16**

marks

Whether there is an adult whose job it is to keep you going. Only the highest line is counted.

Situation		Marks
Orphaned of both parents		16
Under a guardian or an institution rather than a parent		13
Single parent, through death, divorce or desertion		12
Both parents present, neither working, and no pension		12
One parent unable to work through disability or illness		9
You contribute income to the household		7
Both parents present and supporting you		0

Criterion 1 already measures how large the household is. This one asks a different question, and the two are marked separately on purpose.

Why it is marked this way

Two students from households on identical incomes can be in completely different positions. One has a working parent responsible for their fees and living costs; the other has nobody. The needs ratio sees only a total and cannot tell them apart. This criterion can, and each situation comes with a document.

Document that proves it

- Death certificate, divorce certificate or a guardianship letter.
- For a parent unable to work: Kad OKU, a PERKESO Pencen Ilat or Bencana Kerja statement, a Lembaga Perubatan report, a JKM assistance letter, or a doctor's letter that says they cannot work. A letter naming only a diagnosis is not enough, because the question is whether they can work.

K6

Disability, medical need and disaster

*OKU, perubatan dan bencana***6**

marks

About you, not about your household. Only the highest line is counted.

Situation		Marks
You are registered OKU with JKM		6
You have a chronic condition needing repeated treatment		5
Your family home was damaged by flood or fire in the past 12 months		4
None of these		0

Your household's OKU and chronic illness are already counted in criterion 1, where they raise what the household needs.

Why it is marked this way

Each line here produces a numbered document from someone other than the applicant, which is the only reason it can be marked at all. It is the smallest criterion because the household side of the same facts is already weighed in criterion 1.

Document that proves it

- Kad OKU.
- Hospital or clinic letter for a chronic condition.
- JKM or APM report for flood or fire damage.

Most of the rubric is somebody else's number. *The rest is ours.*

Every threshold either belongs to a body that publishes it or belongs to this committee. Both lists are here, because the second is the part anyone is entitled to argue with.

Not ours	Source
What a household of a given composition needs each month	Lembaga Zakat Selangor, had kifayah 2023
The income bands in criterion 2: RM2,560, RM3,440, RM4,310, RM5,250, RM11,820	Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia, household income deciles, 2022 survey
Confirmed assistance status	eKasih, JKM, zakat bodies, STR
OKU status and chronic illness	JKM registration; a doctor's letter
Flood or fire in the past twelve months	JKM or APM report
Rent RM170 a month, deposit RM170, due on the 25th	JSEPP and Klausula 4.2 of the Perjanjian Sewaan

Ours, and we would rather say so

- The six weights, meaning that the needs ratio is worth 30 and everything else is worth less.
- The money in hand bands in criterion 3, and the decision not to count what students earn themselves.
- The distance bands in criterion 4, and the wider steps at the far end.
- The decision to rank on the ratio rather than on income, and to score need rather than merit.

Those four are the committee's judgement and nobody else's. They were published before anyone applied, which is the only window in which arguing about them is fair to everybody. Comments for next session go through the Setiausaha JKRKS or a house PIC: name the figure and say what you would put instead.

What we took out, and what we never scored

Housing instability

No document can verify it. A student sleeping on a friend's floor and a student with a settled room produce the same paperwork, so any mark would rest on whoever wrote the more convincing sentence. Flood and fire stay, because a JKM or APM report carries a number.

Marks for the written answer

It measured writing, not need. The applicants who most need a bed are often the ones with least practice at explaining themselves in formal Malay or English.

An income cut off

A line across income alone cannot see how many people that income feeds. RM6,500 for eight sits above such a line while RM4,800 for three sits below it, and the first is closer to the edge.

Leadership and campus involvement

It is worth something, but it cannot be measured evenly. A committee post is visible and a shift at a mamak until midnight is not, so a mark for it would quietly penalise students working to send money home.

How the rubric is *applied*.

1

No readable document, no marks

A declaration without a readable document uploaded with the form is not marked. The application still competes, on the lower score. A declaration that lowers a score stands whether or not it is documented, because removing it would reward failing to prove it.

2

The written answer adds nothing

It adds no marks and never subtracts. It is not read until the shortlist is drawn, and then does one job: where two applicants sit in the same score band and there is one bed, it breaks the tie. It cannot lift anyone out of a band or drop anyone out of one.

3

Two ranked lists, one rubric

RKS 1, 2 and 3 hold women and RKS 4, 5 and 6 hold men, so the beds are physically split. Each list ranks against the identical rubric and bands, with 25 places on each. A score is only ever compared with the list it is on.

4

Highest line only, never added

In criteria 2, 5 and 6 only the strongest line that applies counts. Holding several kinds of assistance scores the same as holding the strongest.

5

Straight lines, no rounding

A needs ratio between two rows is marked on a straight line. A distance exactly on a boundary takes the higher mark.

6

Where the form contradicts itself

If the household total and the category breakdown disagree, the total the applicant declared is used. This was applied to every application in both directions, with no discretion.

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Frozen once applications open

Revisi 3 was fixed from 11:00 AM on 13 August 2026. Corrections made before then are listed with their times in the companion report, not quietly swapped in.

Check it yourself

The calculator at rksum.my/kalkulator runs these same six criteria on the same bands, in your browser, and shows the arithmetic line by line. Nothing typed into it leaves your phone.

The full rubric page is at rksum.my/rubrik. How the selection was run, what changed and when, and what the rubric produced are in the companion report, **RKS Selection Report 2026/2027**, at rksum.my/laporan-2026-2027.

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