

## “Malaysian Sign Language [xml] (A language of Malaysia)

- **Alternate Names:** Bahasa Isyarat Malaysia
- **Population:** 24,000.
- **Location:** Scattered throughout Peninsular Malaysia.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Dialects:** Variations found in every state, but are mutually intelligible with the possible exception of some places in Terengganu state. The status of the sign language in Terengganu is not yet clear.
- **Language Use:** Under development by Ministry of Education since 1978. Used in government programs. Used by most deaf in Malaysia, especially those who have gone to school. All ages. Positive attitudes. Used as L2 by Penang Sign Language [psg], Selangor Sign Language [kgi].
- **Language Development:** Literacy rate in L1: 0%. Literacy rate in L2: 40%–50% in Malay; 30%–40% in English. Dictionary.
- **Writing:** Unwritten [Qaax].”

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