



NEW ZEALAND'S NEW IMMIGRATION RULES FOR FILIPINO DAIRY WORKERS

The Department of Foreign Affairs reported on the approval by New Zealand Immigration Minister Michael Woodhouse of the amendments to the country's immigration instructions, relative to the requirements for visa issuance, to Filipino dairy workers who have provided incorrect information relating to their qualifications and experience in their original work visa applications.

Under the new immigration instructions, Filipino dairy workers who admit to previously providing incorrect information but are compliant with all other respects will be eligible to be granted a further work visa, as long as they meet all other requirements of the Essential Skills Work Category. However, it is not guaranteed that the new visa applications of such workers will be successful and they may need to undergo labor market tests in order to check whether there are any New Zealanders available to do their jobs. Moreover, further visa applications of these workers can be denied if they do not meet the standard health and character requirements, or if their employers have records of compliance issues with immigration or labor laws.

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