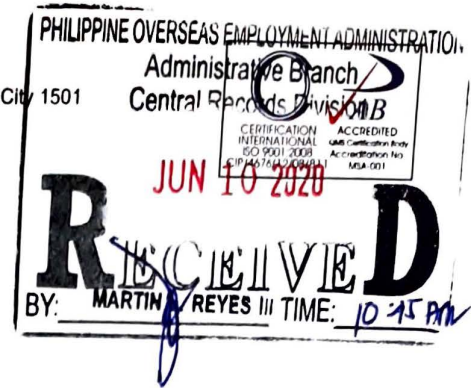




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Changes in the Canadian Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) During the COVID-19 Pandemic

After the conduct of stakeholder consultations, Minister Patty Hajdu of the Canadian Ministry of Health, and Minister Carla Qualtrough of the ~~Ministry~~ Ministry of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, shared a joint letter outlining the Government of Canada's expectations from employers in the compliance with public health and safety requirements when hiring labor through the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP).

Aside from the continued processing of Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) applications (LMIA), the following measures are being applied proactively to all existing LMIA applications under review, as well as to new applications as they are received:

- employers are not required to submit minor administrative changes to the LMIA that would not change the terms and conditions of employment;
- recruitment requirements for LMIA in key occupations related to the agriculture and agri-food sectors are being waived until October 31, 2020;
- LMIA in key occupations related to the agriculture and agri-food sectors will be prioritized for processing;
- the maximum duration of employment under LMIA is increased from 1 to 2 years for employers of workers in the low-wage stream as part of a three-year pilot;
- employers applying under the Agricultural stream or Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program can submit a previously valid Housing Inspection Report (HIR); and
- the name-change processes for employers wishing to change the name of already identified foreign worker, for reasons related to COVID-19, has been expedited.

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Further information can be found on the Temporary Foreign Worker compliance page of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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