

FACT sheet

Alberta Temporary Foreign Worker Pilot – 18 -22 Year Old Dependents of TFWs Working in NOC Level O, A, or B

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Background

The Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) Annex is an addition to the *Agreement for Canada-Alberta Cooperation on Immigration*. The Annex includes an agreement to implement a number of pilot projects.

One of those pilot projects allows for dependents between the ages of 18 and 22 years of TFWs destined to Alberta or working in Alberta in skilled occupations (NOC O, A, B) to become eligible for open work permits.

Eligibility

Eligible dependents must be between the ages of 18 and 22 years and be eligible to work in the province of Alberta, and, must be a dependent child, as defined by the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR), section 2, Interpretation*, of a TFW destined to Alberta who has a valid, job-specific work permit with a minimum duration of 6 months in an occupation found within the NOC system at a O, A or B skill level.

Dependents may be required to meet all other applicable federal criteria including the likelihood they will voluntarily leave Canada at the end of the period authorized for their stay. They must also continue to meet all admissibility criteria in order to obtain status as a temporary resident in Canada.

A dependent's work permit can only be issued after the primary applicant has been found to be eligible for a work permit.

Application

A dependent may apply for an open work permit either from overseas or within Canada. If applying from inside Canada, here are links to the application form and additional information on where to send the completed form.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/MM1249E.PDF>

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/canada/vegreville.asp>

If applying from outside Canada, go to:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/MM1295B.PDF>.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/menu-outside.asp>.

An application fee will apply.

Duration

The dependent's work permit may be issued for a period that ends no later than the work permit of the principal applicant. The pilot has been extended to July 2012.

To read the Annex, visit:

www.employment.alberta.ca. Click on publications under the Immigration tab.

For more information, call the toll-free Alberta Temporary Foreign Worker helpline at 1-877-944-9955.