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NOTIFICATION

Border Town Foreign Workers (BTFWs)/Dayworkers for Lhamoizingkha and Nganglam Towns

This is to notify the public of Lhamoizingkha and Nganglam Towns that the Border Town Foreign Workers/Dayworkers are open for the employers (in the respective towns) with effect from 20th June 2023. All employers who wish to recruit BTFWs are required to apply online at https://blmis.gov.bt/foreign-workers-management

The guideline for the Approval, Employment and Management of BTFWs is available in the publication section, Department of Labour, MoICE website @ https://www.moice.gov.bt/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/BTFWs-Guideline-job-category-annexure-list.pdf

Please note the following points while applying for BTFW:

- (i) A BTFW is an Indian national who enters the international border gate for specifically approved work during the day and returns to his/her country on the same day.
- (ii) A BTFW must have a Bhutanese employer which is as required by Section 219, Chapter XIV of the Labour and Employment Act, 2007.
- (iii) Employers can apply for a BTFW themselves/they can use the service of FWRAs at a nominal fee.
- (iv) The validity of the work permit shall be for the actual duration or one/less than one year.
- (v) A BTFW shall enter and exit the border town as per the immigration rules and procedures.
- (vi) A BTFW must initially be subject to all the procedures including the medical testing as per the requirement of the Ministry of Health and Department of Immigration.
- (vii) The medical screening and printing of cards for BTFWs in Lhamoizingkha town shall be done from the Workforce Management Centre (WMC), Phuentsholing and at WMC Samdrupjongkhar for Nganglam town workers.



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- (viii) Employers shall facilitate the workers access the above-mentioned services from the respective WMCs.
- (ix) The Regional Offices of MoICE and the Department of Labour may restrict a certain occupation based on the existing rule.
- (x) A BTFW will be subject to the Regulation on Foreign Workers Management 2022, Working Condition Regulations (amended 2022) and the Labour and Employment Act of Bhutan 2007.
- (xi) Regional Offices of MoICE at Phuentsholing and Samdrupjongkhar shall facilitate the approval.
- (xii) For details, please contact DoL at 02-339922 or Regional Office, Phuentsholing at 05-252570 and Samdrupjongkhar at 07-251315.

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