

Canadian Government Increases Time Foreign Workers Can be in the Country

Canadian employers will be able to meet their labor needs faster and easier than ever before, according to the Canadian Ministry of Labor. Employers will have the option of completing the Foreign Worker Application online which shortens the processing time. In addition, an amendment to the Temporary Foreign Worker program allows employers to concurrently process foreign work permits along with the labor market opinion.

A shortage of skilled labor in Ottawa forced the federal government to reform the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. The shortage resulted in an extension to the amount of time a temporary worker is allowed to be in the country. Until now, a foreign worker could stay in the country for up to a year. After that, each worker had to wait a minimum of four months before applying to reenter the country.