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RELAXATION PLAN FOR HIRING OF FOREIGN WORKERS AND PATI 2.0

Reference is made to the [PRESS STATEMENTS BY YB TUAN V. SIVAKUMAR, MINISTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES \(MOHR\) and DATUK SERI SAIFUDDIN NASUTION BIN ISMAIL, MINISTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS \(MOHA\) DATED 17 JANUARY 2023.](#)

The Government announced the implementation of the **Relaxation Plan for the Hiring of Foreign Workers** to speed up the processing of application and approval for hiring of foreign workers in the critical economic sectors. This plan is effective **January 2023 until 31 March 2023** and will be implemented for the following sectors/critical sub-sectors:

- i. Manufacturing
- ii. Construction
- iii. Farming
- iv. Agriculture
- v. Services (restaurants only)

Employers from the sectors listed above may submit their applications via the platform **Foreign Worker Centralised Management System (FWCMS)** under the **FWe Approval Module** effective 17 January 2023. Under this plan, employers are allowed to hire from 15 source countries based on their companies' requirements.

Steps for hiring foreign workers under the Relaxation Plan:

1. Employers to submit application to the Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR). MOHR will process the application and approve the foreign workers application within three (3) working days from the date of application received.
Note: Advertisement on job vacancies via MyFutureJobs will be exempted effective from 17 January 2023.
2. Once MOHR approves the application, employers can proceed with the levy payment to the Immigration Department of Malaysia and ensure health checks are carried out for those foreign workers before entering into Malaysia.
3. The employers then have to complete the Single Entry Visa and other necessary steps before receiving the special pass 'Pas Lawatan Kerja Sementara' (PLKS).
4. After the PLKS is issued, employers are given six (6) months to comply with the regulations related to labour law, quota eligibility criteria and minimum entry requirements listed under MOHR.
5. MOHR will work with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) to enforce these regulations, and will carry out the necessary actions against employers that fail to comply.

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Employers that have made their application under the FWe Approval Module and eQuota Module before 17 January 2023, have to reapply a new application under the Module FWe Approval to enable the employer's application to be considered under the Relaxation Plan for the Hiring of Foreign Workers by MOHR.

The 'Pelan Rekalibrasi Pendatang Asing Tanpa Izin' (Recalibration Plan for Foreign Immigrants without Permit) or PATI 2.0 has been extended until December 2023. New applications for PATI can be carried out via www.imi.gov.my.

For further clarifications, please note the following contact details for inquiry:

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Thank you.

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