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STATUS OF APPLICATION AND OPERATIONS OF FOREIGN WORKERS

Reference is made to [the NOTICE ON STATUS OF APPLICATION AND OPERATIONS OF FOREIGN WORKERS AT ONE STOP CENTER, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS](#) dated 1 July 2020.

The Government has announced that the entry of foreign workers would be delayed until the end of the year following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The following are highlights of the applications status and updates on operational status of foreign workers.

- 1. EMPLOYERS THAT HAVE PASSED THE INTERVIEW SESSION AND OBTAINED A COPY OF THE AP (AKUAN PENERIMAAN) BEFORE THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO) ON 18 MARCH 2020, BUT HAS NOT PAID THE LEVY PAYMENT.**
 - The AP is canceled
 - Employers are not allowed to continue the levy payment process
 - Employers may submit new applications after the Government allows the intake of foreign workers.

- 2. EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE PAID THE LEVY AND OBTAINED THE FOREIGN WORKERS' CONDITIONAL APPROVAL LETTER BEFORE THE MCO.**
 - Not allow to recruit foreign workers under Visa With Reference or Visa dengan Rujukan (VDR), bio-medical health screening and Immigration Security Clearance (ISC) screening
 - Employers are allowed to recruit foreign workers after the Government lifts the suspension on hiring of foreign workers, if the Foreign Worker's Conditional Approval is still valid
 - Employers may submit claims for levy refund on unused quota after the expiry of the Foreign Workers' Conditional Approval period
 - For employers who have not yet applied for the approval quota, the employer is given the option to revoke the approval and continue to apply for the levy refund without having to wait for the approval period to expire
 - For expired approvals, employers may submit new applications after the Government reopens application for recruitment of foreign workers.

- 3. FOREIGN WORKERS WHO HAVE PASSED VDR, BIO-MEDICAL HEALTH SCREENING AND ISC SCREENING, BUT HAVE NOT ENTERED MALAYSIA BEFORE THE MCO.**
 - Foreign workers are not allowed to enter Malaysia during the suspension period
 - The VDR may be extended after the expiry of the suspension on hiring of foreign workers if the term of the Foreign Workers' Conditional Approval letter is valid
 - Expired bio-medical health screening report and ISC screening cannot be extended. Foreign workers have to make screening again after the Government lifts the suspension on hiring of foreign workers.

- 4. FOREIGN WORKERS WHO HAVE PASSED THE VDR, BIO-MEDICAL HEALTH SCREENING AND ISC SCREENING, WHO HAVE ENTERED MALAYSIA BEFORE THE MCO, BUT HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT VISIT PASS OR PAS LAWATAN KERJA SEMENTARA PLKS.**
 - Temporary Employment Visits (PKS) can be issued if foreign workers have passed the inspection procedures in Malaysia
 - Foreign workers are allowed to work legally in Malaysia

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5. FOREIGN WORKERS WHO HAVE WORKED IN MALAYSIA AND ARE ON VACATION IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY.

- Authorisation of entry is not permitted

The government encourages employers to prioritise employment of local workers, especially those who have lost their jobs as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak.

Yours sincerely,

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