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NEW FEES AND SCRUTINY FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAM WORK PERMITS

This is **Part 7** of the seven part series, a **Guide to Major Changes to Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program**.

The International Mobility Program (IMP) is not a new immigration program per se. The IMP is essentially an umbrella term for all work permits for which labour market impact assessments (LMIAs) are not needed. IMP categories include free trade professionals, intra-company transfers and certain other jobs for which a LMIA is not needed.

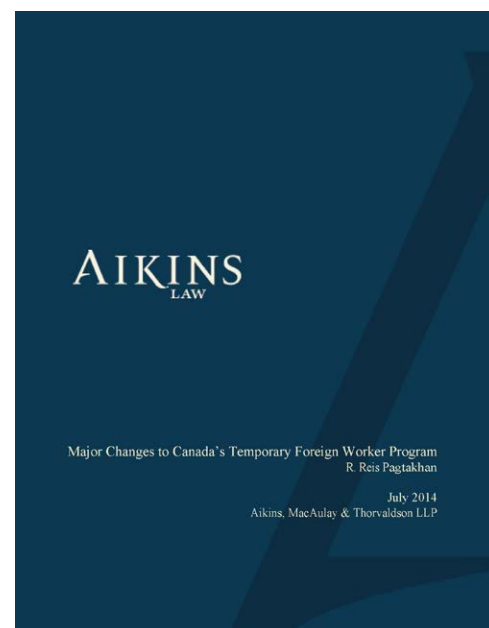
Under reforms to the IMP process, employers must pay higher fees and submit job offers and other relevant information to Citizenship and Immigration Canada before the work permit is processed. Current LMIA and labour market opinion occupations will be reviewed to see if these occupations should remain LMIA exempt.

NEW INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAM FEES

Currently, individuals who fall within LMIA/LMO exempt occupations must pay a work permit fee. While not in place yet, a new \$230 compliance fee is in the works.

A new \$100 fee will be introduced for open work permits (work permits that allow an individual to work for any employer).

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COMPLIANCE SYSTEM

Under the current system, LMIA/LMO exempt workers are not subject to employer compliance reviews. While the law has allowed for IMP work permits to be assessed for compliance, a mechanism has never been put into place. The introduction of this change will require employers to expand their immigration compliance systems to cover IMP work permits.

The government has signalled that the new rules will require job offers and other relevant information to be sent to Citizenship and Immigration Canada for all IMP applicants.

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