

## Factsheet

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### AINP/Temporary Foreign Workers – Bridging

The Alberta government (JSTL) has reached an agreement with the Government of Canada on Temporary Foreign Workers awaiting assessment by the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program.

#### Quick Facts

- Effective February 1, a one-time, one-year work permit that is exempt from a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA), is available to **selected** AINP applicants who:
  - applied prior to July 1, 2014;
  - meet the eligibility criteria; and
  - are nominated in 2016.
- While the agreement with the Government of Canada will allow some TFWs, who are already contributing to our economy, to permanently remain in Alberta, the simple reality is that it will not help everyone.
- It is also important to note that individuals whose work permits that have already expired, or that will expire outside of the February-December 2015 time period, are not eligible.
- It is estimated that **more than 1,000 AINP applicants\*** may be eligible to participate.
- Not everyone who applied to the AINP before July 1 is eligible to participate in the agreement.
- Only applicants who receive letters from the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program within the coming weeks **are eligible** to participate.
- The Canada-Alberta agreement will result in some eligible low-wage TFWs not being counted against employers' TFW cap when they apply for a LMIA. **All** other LMIA requirements continue to apply, including the four-week advertising requirements.
- April 1, 2015 marks the first date the **federal** government will require TFWs who have reached their four-year duration to leave Canada. However, the agreement provides eligible TFWs who have applied to AINP to remain under a one-year bridging work permit while their application is processed. “

To date, more than 500 certificates of the province's 5,500 certificate allotment for 2015 have been issued. Approximately 10,000 applications are awaiting assessment.

AINP applications cannot be expedited regardless of work permit expiry.

Questions about the AINP, including processing times, can be directed to the program's website at <http://www.albertacanada.com/opportunity/immigrating/ainp.aspx>.

Applicants can also call the Immigrate to Alberta Information Service (1-877-427-6419 and email address) for inquires specific to their application.