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Immigration Update - Fall 2016



The federal government has recently announced its intention to take measures to facilitate the entry of certain foreign workers into Canada. The intention is to make it easier for Canadian businesses to attract foreign talent needed to allow them to succeed. Many Canadian employers have complained that existing rules and procedures are cumbersome and impractical.

The intended measures are part of the government's "Global Skills Strategy." The initiative is meant to target high-growth Canadian companies that need to access global talent in order to accelerate investments that will create jobs and growth as well as global companies that are making large investments in Canada and creating new Canadian jobs. It is expected that a number of tech companies will benefit from such changes.

One of the intended measures is to introduce a new work permit exemption for short-term work assignments (currently the duration of someone's stay in Canada does not affect the determination of whether a work permit is required). This exemption will apply to work terms of fewer than thirty days.

The government has also indicated that the processing times for work permits and visas for qualifying companies would be reduced significantly- currently it can take several weeks, or sometimes months, for such applications to be processed. The government's intention is to establish a two week standard for processing applications for qualifying employers.

Details are expected to be announced in early 2017.

Coming Soon...

Live immigration update- early December 2016

A panel of Guberman Garson Canadian and US immigration lawyers will present on current topics and answer your questions. We will keep posted as to the exact details. *As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact your immigration lawyer at Guberman Garson LLP (416 363 1234).*