

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

TO ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS PROGRAM MEXICO-CANADA (SAWP) FROM THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Changes in the work permit process from 2019:

- The official requirement of the Government of Canada incorporates the basic requirement of biometrics of workers for the processing of the work permit application.
- Biometrics is the verification that consist of taking fingerprints and digital photography of the work permit applicant.
- Biometrics are taken once every 10 years.
- The procedure has an additional cost of \$85.00 CAD, amount that must be covered by the worker.
- This cost may vary as is defined by the Government of Canada; any change in this cost will be inform in a timely fashion.
- The process of taking biometrics will only take place at the Processing Center of the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City.
- An appointment must be scheduled (with at least 3 days in advance) prior of attending the Embassy Processing Center (CVAC). This appointment will be scheduled at the Office of the National Employment Service that corresponds to each worker.

Work Permit Applications that REQUIRE biometrics

- Work permit applications of all those participants who **already have a requisition (LMIA) for 2019** between the month September and December 2018, and who's work permit application **has NOT been received at the General Coordinating Office of the National Employment Service before** December 7.
- Work permit applications for all participants **who receive the request from their employer (LMIA) as of January 1, 2019.**

Work Permit Applications DO NOT REQUIRE biometrics

- Work permit applications from any participant who:
 - a) Already have a requisition (LMIA) for season 2019, and
 - b) Have completed correctly **all the paperwork** before the SNE Office, and such documents have been received in full at **the General Coordinating Office of the National Employment Service** in Mexico City, no later than December 7, 2018.

NOTE: It is important to underscore that all those workers who initiate their paperwork before December 7, 2018, will be exempt from biometric procedures for the current season 2019; however, they will be required to fulfill this requirement upon their return from Canada in order to participate during 2020 season.

For further information, please contact your local National Employment Service Office.