



Important Information for Mexican SAWP Participants Returning to Canada in 2019

To: Employers and Workers **Date:** November 5, 2018
From: WALI
Topic: Important information for Mexican SAWP participants who plan to return to Canada in 2019

What you need to know if applying for a new Canadian work permit under SAWP for 2019

- The application process is changing.
- As of December 31, 2018, you will need to give your fingerprints and photo (biometrics) when applying for a Canadian work permit.

Apply early for work permit - Returning Workers only – before December 15, 2018

- If you pay the fees and apply for the work permit before December 15, 2018, we will accept your application, even if your Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) isn't ready.
- However, we won't be able to process your application until the LMIA is approved by ESDC and submitted to IRCC Mexico.
- You won't have to give your fingerprints and photo for your work permit application to work in Canada in 2019. Submitting biometrics can be delayed until you apply for a new work permit in 2020.

What you need to do from November 2 – December 15, 2018

- Go to any Scotiabank branch in Mexico to pay the total fee of \$2509 Mexican pesos for your work permit application.
- Fees can be paid by bank deposit to the VFS Scotiabank account

Account number: 14506280854

Holder's name: VISA FACILITATION SERVICES MEXICO S. DE RL. DE CV.,

- Send a copy of your payment receipt with your name, date of birth and file number to the Mexican Ministry of Labour (Secretaría del Trabajo y Previsión Social (STPS))/or Servicio Nacional de Empleo (SNE) office in your región.

What if I do not pay fees and apply before December 15?

- All workers will have to contact the Office of the National Employment Service in their area to arrange for an appointment to submit their application at the Visa Application Centre (VAC).

Important Information for Mexican SAWP Participants Returning in 2019 November 5, 2018

The worker will travel to the VAC un Mexico City to provide biometrics on the date of their scheduled appointment.

Note: you will only have to give your fingerprints and photo once (1) every 10 years when applying for a work or study permit.

- If you do not provide biometrics for the 2019 work season and plan to return to Canada for the 2020 season, you will be required to provide biometrics with your work permit application in 2020.