

As most of WALI's current activities support employers accessing temporary foreign workers, the fee structure is designed to better share costs across all farm employers using SAWP or AgStream programs.

The first two fees support the core WALI expenses relating to accessing and hiring foreign workers. This includes participating in provincial and federal policy and program consultations, meeting with foreign governments, advocating for program changes and providing information to employers. Refer to the <a href="What WALI Does">What WALI Does</a> document for additional details on the service provided.

- 1. **Annual Employer Fee** Annual flat fee paid by all employers accessing temporary foreign workers (TFWs).
  - Employers with a Farmer ID card \$150 per employer per year.
  - Employers without a Farmer ID card \$200 per employer per year.

The Employer Fee is payable with the first invoice of the season (starting September 1 to August 31).

2. **TFW Administration Fee** – A new fee for 2024. This fee is based on the number of accommodation spaces approved in each housing inspection report.

		Number of	
Number of spaces approved	Fee per worker	spaces approved	Fee per worker
1 - 9	\$15.50	35-49	\$12.50
10 – 19	\$14.50	50-74	\$12.00
20 - 34	\$13.50	75+	\$11.00

The TFW Administration Fee is payable upon employer acceptance of each housing inspection report.

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3. **LMIA Support Fee** – Fee covers the additional costs of participating in the binational SAWP contract negotiations and support work WALI does connecting approved LMIAs with workers and reporting to various partners. This fee varies with the level of help provided by WALI.

LMIA Type	SAWP	SAWP	
(per worker)	Mexico	Caribbean	AgStream
Direct Arrival	\$23.00	\$10.00	\$TBC <sup>1</sup>
Double Arrival	TBC <sup>2</sup>	\$0 <sup>3</sup>	n/a
Direct Replacement	\$23.00	\$0	n/a
Replacement Transfer	\$23.00	\$0	n/a
Transfer	\$23.00 <sup>4</sup>	\$0	n/a
Double Transfer	TBC	\$0	n/a

The LMIA Support fee is payable when the request is processed and is based on the number of workers requested and the work involved.

- 4. **SAWP Mexico Change Fees** covers the additional costs of making changes to SAWP Mexico applications already sent to Mexico.
  - Name and date changes \$10.00 per worker change request.
  - Worker cancelation fee- \$5.00 per worker.

The BCAC/WALI Labour Committee and Boards understand that there are many other expenses in bring TFWs to B.C. WALI continues looking for ways to streamline operations and capture efficiencies to ensure that fees provide maximum value to employers.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subject to change as we are still negotiating with AgStream recruiters on services provided by WALI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We are still confirming what WALI will need to do with these two types of LMIAs before we are able to confirm pricing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Liaison offices of the source country assist with these LMIAs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Consulate of Mexico in Vancouver has advised WALI that they do not have the capacity to manage worker transfers. WALI will take over administration of transfer as is done in other provinces.