

**Government of Guam
Department of Labor
Alien Labor Processing & Certification Division**

**Industry Forum Briefing
The H-2B Program in Guam**

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**GUIDELINES
FOR FILING
AN APPLICATION
FOR TEMPORARY LABOR
CERTIFICATION ON GUAM**



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TEMPORARY LABOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Employer Name: _____ Documents Received on : _____

The Application

- Application for Temporary Labor Certification - Form GDOL 750 (See *Item #1*)
- Form G-28 (for employers using Attorneys to file the application only)

The Job Offer

- Completed Job Order- Form GES 514 (See *Item # 2*)
- Proof of Recruitment Efforts Made Prior to Filing the Application
- Proposed Three Day Advertisement (called *2nd Ad*)
- Proof of Publication of Three Day Advertisement
- Proposed Employment Contract
- Barracks/ Housing Location Sketch

Justification of Need

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

- Project Summary Sheet (See *Item #3*)
- Project Location Sketch
- Project Contracts – Prime & Sub
- Building Permits
- Written Submittal (only if contractor is also the developer)

NON-CONSTRUCTION

- Audited Financial Statement
- Written Submittal Justifying the Need for Temporary Alien Workers
- Worksite/Office Location

Employer Profile, Assurances and Sureties

- Contractor's License or Business License (for non-construction)
- Articles of Incorporation or Partnership Agreement
- Completed Clearance Sheet
- Notarized Statement of Employer's Assurances (See *item #4*)
- Wage Bond
- Repatriation Bond
- Statement of Temporary Nature



What's the Process?

SECTION 1

A Temporary Labor Certification is required for the filing of a petition for H-2B workers with the Department of Homeland Security (Immigration). Federal regulations at 8 CFR 214.2, vests the Governor of Guam with the authority to issue Temporary Labor Certifications for job opportunities in Guam.

In order to complete this process the employer must:

- Advertise the job opportunity and be able to document such efforts.
- Submit their COMPLETED application to the Department of Labor Alien Labor Processing & Certification Division (ALPCD)
- Test the local labor market through Guam Employment Service
- Obtain an approved Labor Certification
- File for and obtain approval from the USCIS
- File for and obtain the workers VISAs in the foreign country.
- Once the workers arrive in Guam, file for and obtain Work Permit ID Cards from ALPCD

This guideline has been developed to assist you in successfully filing an Application for Temporary Labor Certification in Guam. Once you have compiled all of the required documents, you may contact our office and one of our staff will be happy to review your documents and identify any deficiencies prior to filing. Only completed applications will be accepted for filing and further processing.

The five steps you will need to take to successfully get a Labor Certification are as follows:

1. Advertise your job opportunity, directing applicants to apply directly with your company.
2. Complete and compile all the required forms and file your application with ALPCD.
3. Obtain a GES referral form and Job Orders from ALPCD. Make an appointment with GES and file the job orders to start the 30 day labor market testing.
4. Interview any U.S. workers identified by GES and provide results of applicant referrals.
5. After the application is processed and signed by the Governor, you must pick up the labor certification and obtain instructions regarding your responsibilities as an H-2B worker employer on Guam.



Before the Application...

PRIOR RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

Employers should make their own efforts to recruit qualified, able and available U.S. workers prior to filing for a Temporary Labor Certification. These efforts may be, but are not limited to, newspaper advertisements, postings, radio ads, T.V. ads or postings on internet job sites. These ads should direct applicants to apply directly with the employer. Recruitment efforts made more than 60 days prior to the filing of the application may not be recognized.

The employer must document all responses to the ads. Include the name of applicant, the position applied for and the final outcome of the application. If the applicant was not hired, the employer must indicate the specific reason for rejecting the applicant. ALPCD may, at their discretion, investigate the circumstances regarding any rejected applicants.



The Application...

SUBMITTING A COMPLETE APPLICATION

The documents required to submit a complete application are listed on the Temporary Labor Certification Application Checklist. ALPCD may require other documentation as is deemed necessary after the initial filing of the application. In this section, we will go over some of the documents and answer some frequently asked questions.

Form GDOL 750- Application for Temporary Alien Labor Certification:

This is the form that will be signed by the Governor of Guam and subsequently submitted to the USCIS as supporting evidence with your petition for H-2B workers. It is important that this form be clearly legible and typewritten if possible.

Any corrections to this form should be initialed by the employer.

The form should be submitted in triplicate, with all three copies bearing the original signature of the employer.

It is important that all information on this form be thoughtfully completed as information on other required forms must be consistent. Pay special attention to the job description, the rate of pay and the job requirements. If you are new to this process, you may want to consult with ALPCD staff to determine the proper Prevailing Wage Rate, standard job duties and job requirements for the occupation which you intend to apply for.

Applications which contain overly restrictive job requirements or those which do not meet Prevailing Wage levels may be denied.

FORM GES-514 – JOB ORDER:



This form is used by the Guam Employment Service to test the local labor market. Only certain items on this form need to be completed by the employer. Employers are asked to complete items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17a, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 29. On item #29- Job description, please ensure that the job description is verbatim with the job description on the GDOL 750 form. Should you need additional space, indicate “please see attachment” and continue the job description on an attached sheet. You should also indicate the employment benefits after the job description. The common benefits on most applications are:

Round trip airfare from point of hire, room and board at \$320 per month, local transportation, workers compensation coverage.

ALPCD will review this form, upon successful filing of the application, to ensure accuracy. ALPCD staff will complete a referral form (with the job orders attached), which the employer will take to GES to initiate the labor market testing. The employer will also get a copy of the Proposed 2nd Advertisement which has been reviewed and approved by ALPCD.

2ND ADVERTISEMENT OR THREE DAY AD:



The 2nd advertisement should be published using verbiage that has been approved by ALPCD. Unlike Prior Recruitment Efforts, the 2nd Ad must meet certain requirements mandated by regulations.

The ad must run for 3 consecutive business days in the newspaper of largest circulation in Guam.

The ad must indicate the type of job opportunity; the number of job openings; the job title; the job duties; the rate of pay; job requirements; benefits; the case number and must direct applicants to at the Guam Employment Service.

PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT:

The employer must submit a sample of the employment contract which they intend to use upon hiring the alien workers. The contract will be reviewed for compliance with federal and local laws and to ensure that the contract is in line with the job offer on the application. The employer will be required to submit the signed contracts as a part of the Registration Process after the workers arrive in Guam.

Regulations require that the contracts should be in a language in which the worker is literate. It may be necessary for the employer to, provide contracts to ALPCD in the foreign language with an English translation.

BARRACKS/ HOUSING LOCATION SKETCH:

The employer will submit a location sketch to where the barracks or worker's housing will be located. The map should be simple to read and contain sufficient landmarks and street names. Please do not submit official land maps. If the map is not clear, the employer will be asked to re-submit.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY JUSTIFICATION OF NEED:**PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET (See Item #3 for the blank form):**

The employer will submit a project summary sheet in a format provided by ALPCD. The information on the project summary details the projects which the employer intends to use the workers on.

*Examples to determine "Amount Completed":

\$100,000.00 project is 20% completed

Computation: \$100,000.00 x .20 = \$20,000.00 ("Amount Completed")

*Examples to determine "PROJECT NET AMOUNT":

"Project Contract Amount" minus "Amount Completed" = Project Net Amount

PROJECT LOCATION SKETCH:

The employer will submit a location sketch to the project site. The map should be simple to read and contain sufficient landmarks and street names. Please do not submit official land maps. If the map is not clear, the employer will be asked to re-submit.

PROJECT CONTRACTS:

The employer must submit contracts for all projects listed on the project summary sheet. If the contract is a sub-contract, the employer must also submit the prime contract from the prime contractor or developer.

In the event that the employer intends to sub-contract any portion of a project, listed on the project summary sheet, the amount the employer will sub-contract should be listed on the "Subcontracted Amount" box of the project summary.

ALPCD staff may ask for a copy of the subcontract if deemed necessary. Appropriate Building Permits should be attached to all project contracts.

In cases where contractor is the developer, a Written Submittal will be required. The submittal must, at a minimum contain the following:

- The Scope of Work of the project
- The project amount
- The means of financing
- Start & Completion Date

Computation to determine number of workers allowed:

Project Amount divided by \$55,000 = # of workers allowed

NON-CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY JUSTIFICATION OF NEED:

The employer must submit a written submittal justifying the need for the workers based on business necessity. In support of this, the employer must submit a recent audited financial statement and a location sketch to the employers office. It is important that the employer clearly justify the need for the workers, as this is a determining factor as to whether or not the certification will be granted.

PROOF OF LICENSING:

Employers must submit proof that they are licensed to perform the business activity in which they intend to use the workers in. A Guam Contractor's License is required for all employers in the construction industry. ALPCD may research with other governmental agencies to determine if licensing submitted by employers is appropriate.

COMPANY STRUCTURE:

Employers must also produce documentation relative to the organizational structure of the company. Sole Proprietorships need not submit any additional documents. Corporations, LLC and partnerships must submit their Articles of Incorporation or their partnership agreements. ALPCD must have this information to determine who the principles of the company are.

COMPLETED CLEARANCE SHEET:

Employers are required to comply with all laws and regulations applicable to employment in Guam. Any employer who is not in compliance, may have their application returned, delayed or denied. To ensure that employers are in good standing, they must secure clearances from various agencies. ALPCD will review the completed clearance sheet and will determine if any action needs to be taken in cases where a clearance is not given for any particular agency.

STATEMENT OF EMPLOYER'S ASSURANCES:

The employer is required to provide certain assurances to the Department with regards to the employment of the H-2B worker and similarly employed U.S. workers. This assurance should be done on company letterhead and must be notarized. The employer is strongly urged to read and understand the assurances since violation of the assurances may result in fines or disapproval of current or future labor certifications.

WAGE BOND:

Pursuant to the Guam Code Annotated and 17 GAR 7104(b)(5)(c)(2), the employer is required to post a bond totaling 4% of the total project amount. For non-construction employers, the bond may be in 4% of the worker's annual salary.

The bond may be submitted in the form of an Insurance Bond, Cashier's Check, Letter of Credit or Time Certificate of Deposit. Please consult with ALPCD staff before securing your bond document as the wording differs for each financial instrument.

REPATRIATION BOND:

Pursuant to the Guam Code Annotated and 17 GAR 7104(b)(5)(c)(1), the employer is required to post a Repatriation Bond. This bond guarantees the return airfare for the worker. The bond may be in same form as the Wage Bond and the rates for foreign points of origin may be obtained from ALPCD staff.



Testing the Labor Market...

YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUCESSFULLY FILED

Once ALPCD has received a completed application, the caseworker will then record your case and assign a case number. The caseworker will then review and prepare the job orders you submitted. A GES referral form will be attached and you will be contacted to file your job orders with Guam Employment Service (GES) to start the testing of the labor market.

A copy of the proposed advertisement will also be given to the employer so that the 2nd advertisement can be placed in the newspaper of largest circulation in Guam, which is the Pacific Daily News. The advertisement must run for 3 consecutive days.

GUAM EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Before approaching the GES staff, the employer should make sure to make an appointment to place the job order. Contact Ms. Fran Bell or Catalina Cruz

For a period of 30 days, the Guam Employment Service will aggressively attempt to identify and recruit U.S. workers for the job opportunity. Employers are cautioned to follow all instructions given by GES. Their report on the results of the labor market testing weighs heavily on the final outcome of the application.



Adjudication...

Once the result of the labor market testing have been received by ALPCD, the caseworker will then do the final processing on the application and formulate a recommendation to the Administrator and the Director of Labor. The Director will then officially note the recommendation on the GDOL 750 and the application is then forwarded to the Office of the Governor of Guam for certification or denial.

Once the Governor has made his determination, the application is forwarded back to ALPCD for final processing. The employer will be contacted to pick up the application. As a part of the release procedure, the employer will be advised in writing as to their responsibilities as an H-2B employer. The employer will be asked to sign an acknowledgement that they have received this notice.

The employer will then be given the labor certification and may proceed to file appropriate documents with the Department of Homeland Security to petition for the entry of the worker into the United States.



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Alien Labor Processing & Certification Division
PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

Company Name					ALPCD NOTES		
Address:							
Office Phone	RME Cell Phone	Site Telephone					
Project Name/Scope of Work And Location	Start Date	Completion Date	Project Contract Amount	Subcontracted Amount	Amount Completed	PROJECT NET AMOUNT	% of Completion
<i>I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.</i>			TOTAL	Total Net Project Amount			

 EMPLOYER NAME & TITLE

 EMPLOYER SIGNATURE

 DATE

JOB ORDER

1. Job Order Number			2. Occupation Code			3. Occupational Job Title			
4. Employer's Name				7. Whom to See/Name and Title					
5. Employer's Mailing Address (St. or Box. No.) Zip Code									
6. Business Location									
8. Telephone:		9. Fax		10. JO TAKER					
Cell:		E-Mail:		Time:					
11. Interview Day/Time									
12. Job Order Date		13. CAT	14. SIC Code		15. Ownership	16. Delay Verif. (No. of days)	17. Openings a. Number		
							b. Source 1. ___ Job Dev. 2. ___ Mandatory (Petitions) 3. ___ Local		
18. No. to Refer	19. Duration 1. ___ 1-3 days 2. ___ 4-150 days 3. ___ Over 150 days [] FT [] PT			20. Pay (\$/Cents)		21. Pay Unit 1. ___ Hour 2. ___ Day 3. ___ Week Specify:		22. Hours worked per week ___ Working Hours: ___ Days: _____	
23. Months Exp.		24. Education		25. Minimum Age	26. Tested By ___ GES ___ Employer ___ Kind		27. Special Job Requirements: [] Police/Traffic Clearance [] Valid operator's/chauffeur's license/Type: ___ [] Own vehicle for business use [] Other:		
29. JOB SUMMARY- Enter Remarks and Special Requirements.									
30. Job Order Adjustment		31 ___ Referrals ___ Placements ___ Openings		32. Job Order Status Advertised 3 Days Advertisement Ad		33. Reason Type of Certification: Importation ___ Extension ___		34. Date closed/release/delete	35. Return to
									36. Closing Date/By GES

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES and GUARANTEE

(To be submitted on employer's company letterhead – sample only)

In this application for Temporary Labor Certification, I (name of employer), assure that:

1. The recruited alien's agent or attorney has not been and will not be involved in the process of attempting to recruit qualified U.S. resident workers for the Job Opportunity;
2. The Employment Position is temporary, the Job Opportunity actually exists, and no qualified U.S. resident worker will be displaced or otherwise adversely affected as a result of the approval of the Application for Temporary Alien Labor Certification, and that, other things being equal, the Temporary Alien Worker's employment will be terminated before that of any U.S. resident worker employed in a similar position;
3. Reasonable efforts have been, and will continue to be, made by the employer to obtain qualified U.S. resident workers at the Prevailing Wage Rate, benefit levels, terms and conditions of employment, and working conditions no less favorable than those offered to the Temporary Alien Worker, and that the Job Opportunity is open to all qualified U.S. resident workers without regards to race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex or citizenship, and to U.S. resident workers with disabilities who are qualified, willing, able and available to perform the job offered;
4. The employer will not reject any qualified U.S. resident worker on the grounds that the employer's supervisory personnel speak a language other than English;
5. The Job Opportunity is not vacant because the former occupant is on strike or is being locked out in the course of a labor dispute, nor at issue in a labor dispute;
6. Should the employer provide housing for his employees, it shall comply with all applicable Federal and Local laws and regulations relative to housing facilities, during the period of which the certification is requested;
7. Where there is a reduction in force, the employer agrees to terminate the alien non-immigrant workers first in those job classifications in which there are U.S. resident workers;
8. The employer shall comply with all applicable Federal and Local laws and regulations during the period for which the certification is requested;

9. The employer assures to the Department of Labor that there are no other contracts and/or agreements, on Guam or in Foreign Countries, binding their H-2B workers to terms, which are contrary to Federal or Local laws and regulations. The Employer further assures that he/she has read the regulations found in Title 17, Chapter 7, of the Guam Administrative Rules (GAR) and will comply or be assessed civil penalties in accordance with the rules. The employer understands that violation of this assurance may result in the revocation of his/her current Labor Certification and/or denial of future Labor Certifications;

10. The employer will guarantee that in compliance with GAR Title 17, Chapter 7, §7104(a)(4)(k), which mandates submission of a Statement of Guarantee which establishes that the employer will pay no less than the Prevailing Wage Rate (as established at the time the Application for Temporary Alien Labor Certification is submitted) to all U.S. resident and foreign workers brought into Guam through the H-2B Visa Program. The employer will further guarantee that identical benefits and working conditions exist for U.S. resident workers and Alien Laborers.

The above assurances and guarantees are made to the Department of Labor by (name of employer and title) of (name of company).

EMPLOYER SIGNATURE

GUAM))
)) ss
CITY OF HAGATNA))

BEFORE ME A NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for Guam, personally appeared, _____, know to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free act and will.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name and official seal in the City of Hagatna, this _____ day of _____, 200__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Guam Department of Labor

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ALIEN LABOR CERTIFICATION

**IMPORTANT: READ CAREFULLY
BEFORE COMPLETEING THIS FORM**
To knowingly furnish any false information in the preparation of this form and any supplement thereto or to aid, abet or counsel another to do so, is a felony punishable by \$10,000.00 fine or five years in the penitentiary, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).

OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT

1. Name of Alien (Family name in capital letters, First, Middle)				
2. Present Address of Alien (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code or Country)	3. Type of Visa (if in U.S.)			
The following information is submitted as evidence of an offer of employment.				
4. Name of Employer (Full name of organization)	5. Telephone Number			
6. Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)				
7. Address Where Alien Will Work (if different from item # 6)				
8. Employer's Business Activity	9. Name of Job Title	10. Total Hours Per Week Basic Overtime	11. Work Schedule Hourly	12. Rate of Pay Basic Overtime
			a.m. \$ _____	\$ _____
			p.m. Per _____	Per Hour
13. Describe Fully the Job to be Performed (Duties)				

14. State in detail the MINIMUM education, training and experience for a worker to perform satisfactorily the job described in item #13 above.				15. Other Special Requirements	
EDUCATION Enter # of yrs.	Grade School	High School	College	Degree Req'd	
	Major Field of Study				
TRAINING	No. of Yrs		No. of Months		Type of Training
EXPERIENCE	Job Offered Yrs Mos.		Related Occupation Yrs Mos.		Related Occupation (Specify)

16. Occupational title of the person who will be the alien's immediate supervisor:	17. Number of employees the alien will supervise:
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**GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
TEMPORARY LABOR CERTIFICATION**

Qualified U.S. workers are not available. Temporary employment of aliens will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of similarly employed U.S. residents.

Valid From: _____ Thru: _____

<p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved</p>	<p>DETERMINATION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved</p>
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MARIA S. CONNELLEY
Director of Labor

FELIX P. CAMACHO
Governor of Guam

ENDORSEMENTS (For Government Use Only)

Date Forms Received	
L.O.	S.O.
R.O.	N.O.
Ind Code	Occ. Code
Occ. Title	

18. COMPLETE ITEMS ONLY IF JOB IS TEMPORARY		19. IF JOB IS UNIONIZED (Complete)	
a. No. of Openings to Be Filled by Aliens Under Job Offer	b. Exact Dates You Expect to Employ Alien		a. Number of Local
	FROM	TO	
			c. City and State:

20. DESCRIBE EFFORTS TO RECRUIT U.S. WORKERS PRIOR TO THE FILING OF THE APPLICATION AND THE RESULTS OF SUCH RECRUITMENT (Specify Sources of Recruitment by Name)

EMPLOYER CERTIFICATIONS

By virtue of my signature below, I HEREBY CERTIFY, the following conditions of employment.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I have enough funds available to pay the wage or salary offered the alien. b. The wage offered equals or exceeds the prevailing wage and I guarantee that if a labor certification is granted, the wage paid to the alien, when the alien begins to work, will equal or exceed the prevailing wage which is applicable at the time the alien begins work. c. The wage offered is not based on commissions, bonuses or other incentives, unless I guarantee a wage paid on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. d. I will be able to place the alien on the payroll on or before the date of the alien's proposed entrance into the United States. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. The job opportunity does not involve unlawful discrimination by race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, handicap or citizenship. f. The job opportunity is not: (1) Vacant because the former occupant is on strike or is being locked out in the course of a labor dispute involving work stoppage. (2) At issue in a labor dispute involving a work stoppage. g. The job opportunity's terms, conditions and occupational environment are not contrary to Federal, State or local law. h. The opportunity has been and is clearly open to any qualified U.S. worker. |
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DECLARATIONS

DECLARATION OF EMPLOYER: Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746. I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE		DATE
NAME (Type or Print)	TITLE	

AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT FOR EMPLOYER: I HEREBY DESIGNATE the agent below to represent me for the purposes of labor certification and I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY for the accuracy of any representations made by the agent.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER		DATE
NAME OF AGENT (Type or Print)	ADDRESS OF AGENT (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code or Country)	

STATEMENT OF TEMPORARY NATURE

Employer Name: _____

The employment of H-2B workers requested in our application for Temporary Labor Certification is:

Seasonal Intermittent Peak load One-time occurrence
And

The Temporary need for the worker(s) is:

Unpredictable Recurrent Annually Periodic

Please explain your temporary need for the alien's services (*you may include an attachment if you need additional space*):

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

PREVAILING WAGE RATES

The prevailing wage rates, by occupation, that have been reviewed and approved by the Immigration Naturalization Services and in effect beginning 9/29/08 are as follows:

<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>HOURLY WAGE RATES</u>
CAMP, COOK.....	\$11.85
BRICKLAYER.....	\$14.02
CARPENTER.....	\$13.56
CEMENT MASON.....	\$12.87
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$15.45
HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGIRATION MECHANIC...	\$15.73
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT MECHANIC.....	\$14.14
OPERATING ENGINEER (Heavy Equip. Operator).....	\$13.77
REINFORCING METAL WORKER.....	\$12.56
PAINTER.....	\$14.60
PIPE FITTER.....	\$16.80
PLASTERER.....	\$10.98
PLUMBER.....	\$14.96
SHEET-METAL WORKER.....	\$15.17
SURVEYOR HELPER.....	\$15.98
STRUCTURAL STEEL WORKER.....	\$13.22
WELDER.....	\$16.09



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Alien Labor Processing & Certification Division

**REQUEST FOR H-2B
PREVAILING WAGE DETERMINATION**

Employer Name	
Contact Person	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

Job Title	
D.O.T. or Onet Code	
Job Requirements	
Experience Req'd	
Education Req'd	
Special Requirements	
Job Duties	

Employers are advised that it may take up to 14 business days for the Department to issue a determination on this request. In the event that you have not received a response after 14 days, please contact Greg Massey at 475-7005 to inquire into the status of the request.

FOR DOL USE ONLY	
Date Routed to BLS	
Date determination Rec'd	



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REPATRIATION BOND STANDARD RATES

A survey was conducted to determine rates from the 5 International Air Carriers on Guam. As a result of the survey, the following rates were developed to be used as standard rates for determining the amount of Repatriation Guarantee Bonds.

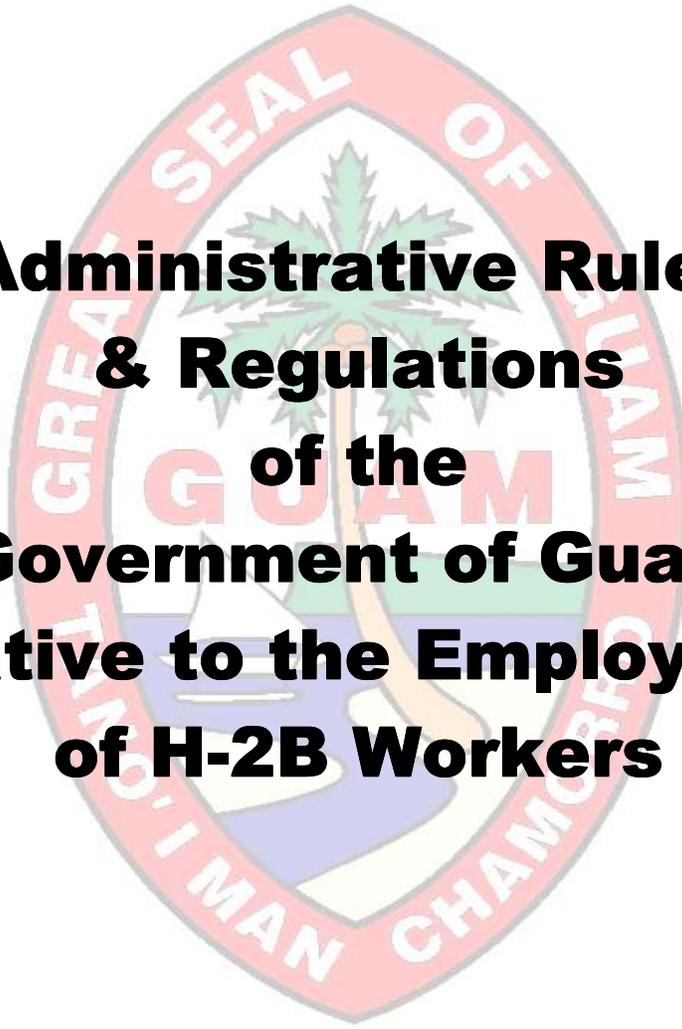
These rates shall be effective for all Temporary Labor Certifications filed in Guam after 3/13/09 and shall remain in effect until 3/13/11.

Country of Origin	Repatriation Bond Standard Rate
Australia, Sidney	\$1,991.10
Canada, Ontario	\$2,073.10
England, London	\$5,075.10
Indonesia, Bali	\$2,425.70
Japan, Tokyo	\$825.81
Korea, Seoul	\$710.80
New Zealand, Auckland	\$4,504.87
Philippines, Manila	\$924.48
Burma, Rangoon	\$2,752.45
China, Beijing	\$1,572.23
China, Chuang Dong	\$878.50
China, Shanghai	\$1,181.73
China, Shen Yang	\$1,537.95
Hongkong	\$1,046.41
India, Bombay	\$1,532.35
India, Delhi	\$2,996.80
India, Madras	\$3,067.50
Maylasia, Kuala Lumpur	\$1,532.93
Singapore	\$1,397.41
Taiwan, Taipei	\$1,066.47
Thailand, Bangkok	\$1,383.61
Vietnam, Hanoi	\$1,569.05

In cases where no Standard Rate has been established, the employer may submit documentation from a Travel Agent, Airline or Reputable Internet Source as to the high season, economy class rate from Guam to the alien's Point of Origin. GDOL reserves the right to accept or reject the employer's rate in favor of rates researched by ALPCD.

/s/ **MARIA CONNELLEY**
Director of Labor

Date: March 5, 2009

The Great Seal of the Government of Guam is a circular emblem. It features a central palm tree on a green island, with a white sailboat on a blue sea below. The seal is surrounded by a red border containing the text "GREAT SEAL OF GUAM" at the top and "MANGI MAN CHAMORRO" at the bottom. The word "GUAM" is also written in large, semi-transparent letters across the center of the seal.

**Administrative Rules
& Regulations
of the
Government of Guam
Relative to the Employment
of H-2B Workers**

*Note: The following regulations are currently
being reviewed and will be revised in the near future.
These are the regulations in effect as of 8/07.*

CHAPTER 7
TEMPORARY ALIEN WORKERS

- §7101. Authority and Purpose.
- §7102. Definitions.
- §7103. Certification Required; Expiration; Extension.
- §7104. Certification Requirements.
- §7105. Registration of Temporary Alien Workers; Identification Badges.
- §7106. Renewal of Certification and Registration.
- §7107. Exit Clearance.
- §7108. Living Arrangements.
- §7109. Control of Temporary Alien Workers' Behavior and Passports.
- §7110. Employer's Workplace Monthly Report.
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§7101. Authority and Purpose. (a) **Authority.** Authority under Guam law for the promulgation of Rules and Regulations affecting labor conditions in Guam by the Director of Labor is contained principally in §48055 of the Government Code (GC), and additional authority for these Regulations is provided by §44017.1(a) and §44025 GC.

(b) **Purpose.** The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to provide for the orderly control of the process in certifying the lack of available U.S.-resident labor for employment opportunities in Guam, in recruiting Temporary Alien Workers for employment in specific jobs available in Guam, in ensuring that Temporary Alien Workers are accorded fair and safe treatment in their employment and stay in Guam, and in protecting the U.S.-resident labor force from adverse effects due to the employment in Guam of Temporary Alien Workers.

§7102. Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter, and unless required by context, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

(a) *Department of Labor; Director of Labor* shall mean the Government of Guam Department of Labor and the Director thereof, respectively;

(b) *U.S.-Resident Worker* shall mean any person, whether a citizen or national of the United States of America or a foreign citizen or national, who is legally permitted to reside and work permanently within the United States of America and its Possessions;

(c) *Employer* shall mean any person, firm, corporation or other organization currently located in Guam which hires or which is legally entitled and prepared to hire the labor services of persons and to which U.S.-resident workers may be referred for employment, or the authorized representative of such person, firm, corporation or other organization. An employer must be duly registered and licensed to conduct business in Guam;

(d) *Employment Position* shall mean any established, paid position within an employer's business organization that is either filled or available to be filled by a person offering labor services to the employer;

(e) *Job Opportunity* shall mean any established employment position which is currently vacant and left unfilled by a qualified worker;

(f) *Temporary Alien Worker* shall mean any person who is not a U.S.-resident worker and who comes temporarily to the United States to perform labor services, but remains a resident of a foreign country and has no intention of abandoning that foreign residency;

(g) *Temporary Labor Certification* shall mean a certification issued and attested to by the Governor of Guam that there is a need and use for Temporary Alien Workers in Guam, and that it has been determined that:

(1) There are no U.S.-resident workers who are available and willing to fill a job opportunity in an employment position established in Guam; and,

(2) The employment of a Temporary Alien Worker in Guam in a particular employment position will not adversely affect wage rates, other compensation, or the working conditions of U.S.- resident workers similarly employed in Guam.

It shall have the same meaning as the term, "Alien Employment Certification;"

(h) *Application* shall mean either the process or the written documents required to be filed, in a form provided by the Department of Labor, in making a request for a Temporary Labor Certification, the Registration of a Temporary Alien Worker, or Exit Clearance for a Temporary Alien Worker; and,

(i) *Registration* shall mean the recording of personal and other officially-required information with the Department of Labor regarding an individual Temporary Alien Worker, and the approval of that individual's authorization to work, on a temporary basis, for a specified period of time and for a specific employer, on a designated project or designated projects in Guam.

§7103. Certification Required; Expiration; Extension.

A Temporary Labor Certification is required before a Temporary Alien Worker can be permitted entry to work in Guam. Such certification shall be valid only for the employer submitting the prerequisite Application for Certification, and only for the specific activity and the occupation for every Temporary Alien Worker covered by the certification, and shall not be transferable. This certification may only be valid for a period of up to one year, and upon expiration, the Temporary Alien Worker must leave Guam. Provided, however, that it shall be possible, under certain conditions, to extend a certification for additional periods of up to one year, for a total period of certification of an individual Temporary Alien Worker of up to three years.

(a) **Certification: Required.** Each employer seeking to bring a Temporary Alien Worker into Guam for purposes of employment, or to employ such Temporary Worker while in Guam, shall first obtain a certification from the Governor of Guam, through the Department of Labor, that such Temporary Worker's employment in Guam will not:

- (1) Adversely affect wages prevailing in Guam in the industry and occupation for which certification for such Temporary Worker is requested;
- (2) Adversely affect working conditions in Guam; or,
- (3) Displace any U.S.-resident worker from employment or exclude any qualified U.S. resident from any job opportunity within Guam. In addition, such employer shall agree to abide by the laws and regulations of the United States and of Guam for the duration of such Temporary Alien Worker's presence in Guam.

(b) **Certification: Expiration.** Each certification of the need to bring a Temporary Alien Worker into Guam shall expire no more than one calendar year beyond its initial effective date.

(c) **Certification: Extension.** Each extension of a certification shall meet all of the requirements, provisions and conditions that are necessary in obtaining an initial certification for the employment of a Temporary Alien Worker in Guam. In addition, no certification shall be renewed for a period of time that would allow an individual Temporary Alien Worker to enjoy a continuous stay of more than three years in Guam, except that an absence from Guam and the United States for a continuous period of six months shall qualify the Temporary Worker for additional temporary employment in Guam as if the Temporary Worker had not previously worked in the United States.

§7104. Certification Requirements. It is intended in these Regulations that every responsible effort is made to ensure that the objectives of the laws of Guam and the United States regarding the employment of Temporary Alien Workers are met, both in the letter and the spirit of the law. To this end, Temporary Alien Workers may only be certified for full-time Job Opportunities where the Job Opportunity is neither vacant because the former occupant is on strike or is being locked out in the course of a labor dispute, nor at issue in a labor dispute, and an extensive set of requirements must be met to ensure that the labor market for U.S.-resident workers is thoroughly tested before a recommendation can be made by the Department of Labor that a Temporary Labor Certification be issued by the Governor of Guam. These requirements fall into the categories of recruitment, application, verification and recommendation.

(a) **Recruitment.** An employer must make an exhaustive attempt to recruit U.S.-resident workers for any Job Opportunity that it might have among its Employment Positions, which may not require any qualifications or other conditions that would preclude consideration of or otherwise prevent effective recruitment of U.S.-resident workers, before filing an Application for Certification of the need for Temporary Alien Workers in Guam. Substantially the same terms and conditions of employment must be offered to U.S.-resident workers before the job opportunity is offered to any Temporary Alien Worker, as follows:

- (1) **Prevailing Wage Rate.** The Job Opportunity must be offered at the prevailing wage rate, established by the Director of Labor through survey and publication, for those particular skills and level of experience required in the employment position and industry in which the opportunity is offered. Should such prevailing wage rate not be among those published, the Director shall advise the employer of the appropriate prevailing wage rate to offer in recruiting to fill a job opportunity under the requirements of these Regulations.

(2) **Other Compensation.** In addition to other terms and conditions of employment, the employer may offer non-wage compensation to the prospective employee, including but not limited to transportation, board and lodging, health and life insurance, a retirement annuity and bonuses, but all such compensation must be offered to U.S. resident workers to at least the same extent and in the same manner as they are offered or to be offered to Temporary Alien Workers.

(3) **Advertising Job Opportunities.** The employer shall advertise a Job Opportunity for an Employment Position in a publication of general circulation in Guam, such advertisement including all terms and conditions of employment as may be offered for the Job Opportunity and Employment Position, for a period of three consecutive working days, and in such other media and for such period as may be required by the United States government, after submitting an Application for Certification. Such advertising shall direct applicants to the Guam Employment Service of the Department of Labor, and shall not identify the employer's name, address or telephone number.

(4) **Compliance.** The employer shall be in compliance with all other laws and regulations of Guam and the United States during its efforts in the recruitment of Temporary Alien Workers under this Chapter.

(5) **Testing of U.S.-Resident Workers.** No employer shall subject a U.S.-resident worker to testing, either orally or in writing, as an element in the recruitment process in the absence of proof that Temporary Alien Workers are also subject to substantially the same tests, and the tests are based upon established U.S. standards.

(b) **Application.** In order for an Application for Certification to be entertained by the Governor of Guam, it must first be properly submitted to the Department of Labor; the Application for Certification must be submitted to the Department of Labor at least 40 days before the worker's services are needed. The Application shall, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

(1) **Form and Submission.** Each Application for Certification shall be submitted to the Department of Labor on Form GDOL 750 Part A, provided by the Department of Labor, or a reasonable facsimile; such submission shall be in triplicate, with each copy bearing the original signature of the applicant, and shall include all of the information requested on the form and required in these Regulations by the Department of Labor; all information included in the Application shall be true and correct. Each Application for Certification may be for the certification for more than one Temporary Alien Worker within a single occupation, but no Application for Certification may include a request for Temporary Labor Certification of Temporary Alien Workers in more than one occupation. An employer applying for Certification for both new recruitment and for the extension of Certification for Temporary Workers already working in Guam within a single occupation must, however, submit an Application for new recruitment and a separate Application for extension for each occupational category.

(2) **Information Required.** In submitting an Application for Certification, the employer shall provide the following information:

(A) The name, permanent address and type of visa held by the Temporary Alien Worker, if the application is for the extension of certification of an alien already registered to work in Guam; if the application is for a new importation of labor, this information may be provided at a later time;

(B) The name, address and telephone number of the employer, and the nature of the employer's business;

(C) The job title, hours of work, work schedule and rate(s) of pay offered for the Employment Position, and a full description of the job to be performed, including whether it is permanent or temporary in nature and whether it is unionized. If the Employment Position is temporary, the number of such positions to be filled by aliens and the exact expected beginning and ending dates of the Job Opportunity must be included;

(D) A detailed description of the employer's efforts to recruit U.S.-resident workers to fill the Employment Position, specifying all sources of recruitment by name, and the results of such efforts; and,

(E) A description of the minimum qualifications necessary for the Employment Position, including education, training, experience and any other special requirements.

(3) **Assurances Required.** In addition to the information required in an Application for Certification, the employer shall provide the following written assurances:

(A) That the recruited alien's agent or attorney has not been and will not be involved in the process of attempting to recruit qualified U.S.-resident workers for the Job Opportunity;

(B) That the Employment Position is temporary, that the Job opportunity actually exists, that no qualified U.S.-resident worker will be displaced or otherwise adversely affected as a result of the approval of the Application for Certification, and that, other things being equal, the Temporary Alien Worker's employment will be terminated before that of any U.S.-resident worker in a similar position;

(C) That reasonable efforts have been and will continue to be made by the employer to obtain qualified U.S.-resident workers at the Prevailing Wage Rate, benefit levels, terms and conditions of employment, and working conditions no less favorable than those offered to the Temporary Alien Worker, and that the Job Opportunity is open to all qualified U.S.-resident workers without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex or citizenship, and to U.S.-resident workers with handicaps who are qualified, willing, able and available to perform the job offered;

(D) That the employer has not rejected and will not reject any qualified U.S.-resident worker on the grounds that the employer's supervisory personnel speak a language other than English;

(E) That the Job Opportunity is neither vacant because the former occupant is on strike or is being locked out in the course of a labor dispute, nor at issue in a labor dispute; and,

(F) That the employer will comply with all applicable Guam and U.S. laws and regulations during the period for which the certification is requested.

(4) **Additional Documentation to be Attached.** In addition to the information and assurances required above, the employer shall attach the following documents to the Application for Certification:

- (A) Written documentation of all efforts to recruit U.S.-resident workers for the Employment Position (including clippings of newspaper advertisements and other public notices of the Job Opportunity) and details of the results of such efforts, including the name(s) and Social Security number(s) of any U.S.-resident worker(s) hired or rejected;
- (B) One copy of the employer's current license to do business in Guam and (if applicable) the employer's Articles of Incorporation or Partnership Agreement;
- (C) One copy each of the Job Orders (forms ESSI 514 and GES 514), exhibiting compliance with Subchapter IV.A., Paragraphs 1., 2. and 3. of this Chapter, for the occupational category covered by the application;
- (D) One copy of the employer's Workers' Dormitory Permit (if applicable); if such Permit is not available at the time of Application, it must be submitted prior to a Certification being granted;
- (E) A notarized Letter of Assurance in a form approved by the Department of Labor;
- (F) A sample copy of the employment contract to be used in recruiting employees for the Employment Position;
- (G) Two copies each of the project contract(s) (if applicable) and the building permit(s) (if applicable), provided:
- (i) if the employer is a contractor and is the project developer, a statement of the expected project completion date and documented information regarding the means of financing the project (such as a loan approval) shall be included; and,
 - (ii) if the project is a subcontract, a copy of the prime contract should be included;
- (H) One copy each of:
- (i) a clear project location sketch; and,
 - (ii) a clear barracks location sketch;
- (I) A completed Project Summary Sheet on a form provided by the Department of Labor;
- (J) A Performance and Payment Bond and a Repatriation Bond covering all Temporary Alien Workers and U.S.-resident workers employed in the project;
- (K) A notarized Statement of Guarantee that the employer will pay no less than the Prevailing Wage Rate (as established at the time the Application is submitted) to all U.S. and foreign workers employed by the employer, in a form approved by the Department of Labor; and,
- (L) If the employer is represented in the application process by an agent or a non-management employee, a letter of authorization including a statement of the extent to which the agent is authorized to make changes to the application. If the agent is an attorney, a copy of INS Form G-28 (Notice of Appearance) must also be attached.

In addition, prior to the issuance of an approved Application for Certification, the employer shall submit a completed Clearance Sheet on a form provided by the Department of Labor indicating the approval of the applicant by the Guam Department of Land Management, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, the Division of Environmental Health of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the Workers Compensation Commission, the Wage and Hour Division, the Guam OSHA Labor Compliance Inspection Section, the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Fair Employment Practices Division of the Guam Department of Labor.

(5) **Other Requirements.** The Application shall include such other assurances and meet such other criteria as may be required from time to time by the Governor of Guam through the issuance of an applicable Executive Order, and as may be required by the laws or regulations of Guam or the United States.

(c) **Bonds Required.** Upon filing Application for Certification with the Department of Labor, the employer shall provide the Department with both a repatriation bond and a performance and payment bond, or evidence thereof, with the Department of Labor named as a beneficiary. The repatriation bond is to ensure that the costs of transporting a Temporary Alien Worker or a U.S.- resident worker to his/her point of origin can be met in the event of default or insolvency of the employer; the performance and payment bond is to ensure that the Temporary Worker or U.S.-resident worker is paid in full for all work performed for the employer.

(1) **Repatriation Bond.** A repatriation bond, also referred to as a repatriation guaranty bond, shall be given to the Department of Labor by an employer for every Temporary Alien Worker registered with the Department of Labor by the employer. Such bond shall be in an amount sufficient to guarantee that the Temporary Alien Worker may be expeditiously returned to his/her point of origin upon the termination of the Temporary Worker's employment or eligibility for employment in Guam.

(2) **Performance and Payment Bond.** A performance and payment bond in the amount of four percent of the total cost of the project or projects for which certification is requested shall be given to the Department of Labor for every project for which an employer seeks to employ a Temporary Alien Worker in Guam. This bond shall be given to the Department of Labor upon the Application for Certification of the first Temporary Alien Worker requested for the employer on a given project, and evidence of the bond shall be included with the Application for Certification of each subsequent Temporary Worker requested by the employer for the same project. A request for approval of authorization for the Temporary Worker to work on an additional project shall be accompanied by an additional performance and payment bond in the amount of four percent of the additional project amount.

(3) **Bonding Devices Acceptable.** The sole financial device acceptable as a repatriation bond and performance and payment bond is limited to an Insurance Bond, issued by a carrier licensed to do business in Guam and naming the Department of Labor as a beneficiary. However, any Insurance Bond obtained as a performance and payment bond for any project may be used to satisfy other bonding obligations, except that the Guam Department of Labor shall be included as a beneficiary of such bond. The repatriation bond and the performance and payment bond may be combined in a single instrument, at the discretion of the employer.

(4) **Release of Bonds.** The repatriation bond required shall be released after the employer provides the Department of Labor with a certification from a transportation carrier that the Temporary Alien Worker has departed from Guam; such certification shall include the name of the Temporary Worker, the name of the carrier, the date of departure and the ticket number. The performance and payment bond required may be released when the employer provides evidence of the completion of a project, as shown by a notice of completion and/or an occupancy permit filed with the Guam Department of Labor, and evidence that all Temporary Alien Workers certified for the project either have been repatriated or are certified to work on another project in Guam which has not been completed. To obtain the release of bonds, the employer shall submit a request to the Director of Labor in writing, and shall attach such documentary information as is deemed appropriate to expedite the release.

(d) **Recruitment Verification.** As the agency principally responsible for regulating employment conditions in Guam, the Department of Labor will verify, to the best of its ability, that the objectives of a Temporary Labor Certification (as indicated in Subchapter II.G.) are met in the recruitment process. The Department of Labor may therefore both verify that information in the Application relating to prior recruitment efforts is accurate and ascertain through its own efforts that the objectives of certification are met.

(1) Any information or other evidence submitted by an employer in an Application for Certification may be verified to be true and correct through whatever means may be deemed necessary by the Department of Labor. The employer shall provide all reasonable assistance in this effort.

(2) The Department of Labor may undertake to recruit a U.S.-resident worker, through whatever means it deems appropriate, for any Job Opportunity offered by an employer submitting an Application for Certification. In the event that this process involves external costs, such as the costs of advertising, such costs shall be paid by the employer.

(3) In the event that the Department of Labor is not able to verify that adequate recruitment efforts were made by the employer submitting an application for Certification, or if the Application is found to not meet the requirements of these Regulations, such Application may not be submitted to the Governor with a recommendation for approval, but shall be returned to the employer with a written notice giving a reason why the Application was rejected. A notice of the right to appeal such rejection shall be included in such notification.

(e) **Recommendation to the Governor.** Upon review and approval of an Application for Certification by the Department of Labor, such Application shall be transmitted to the Governor with a recommendation for certification. The Governor shall have final authority in Guam in the certification, and the decision of the Governor shall not be subject to appeal within the Government of Guam.

(1) **Transmittal to Governor.** Such Application shall be transmitted to the Governor, with appropriate recommendations, within ten days of a determination of recommendation by the Director of Labor, and in no case later than sixty days past the date of submission of the Application.

(2) **Notification of Governor's Decision.** Upon determination whether to certify or to not certify the Application for Certification, the Governor will return the Application to the Department of Labor for notification of the employer.

(A) Upon return by the Governor of a determination to certify an Application for Certification to the Department of Labor, the Department will notify the employer submitting such Application within fifteen working days of the Governor's determination. Such notification shall include the Application for Certification, with a temporary labor certification stamp thereon, all supporting documents submitted as a part of the Application, and the Application shall indicate that the employer should submit all documents together with the employer's Application to the appropriate Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

(B) In the event that the Governor's determination is to not certify an Application for Certification, the Department of Labor shall provide a reason, in writing, as to why the Application was denied, and advise the employer of the right to appeal the determination to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

§7105. Registration of Temporary Alien Workers; Identification Badges.

Once certification is obtained by the employer, it shall be the employer's responsibility that each Temporary Alien Worker be registered with the Department of Labor upon arrival in Guam. This process shall require the approval of an Application for registration and the payment of a registration fee, as well as the posting of bonds required to ensure the payment of wages and other compensation to the Temporary Alien Worker and the repatriation of such Temporary Worker, upon termination of employment, to the Temporary Worker's country of residence. Each Temporary Alien Worker authorized to work in Guam under the laws of the United States and Guam and under these Regulations shall be issued an identification badge as evidence of such authorization.

(a) **Registration Required.** Each employer bringing a Temporary Alien Worker into Guam for a Job Opportunity in an established Employment Position shall register such Temporary Worker with the Department of Labor upon the Temporary Worker's arrival in Guam, and prior to the initial employment of such Temporary Worker in Guam.

(b) **Registration Process.** All of the requirements of the registration process shall be met before an identification badge is issued to a Temporary Alien Worker, entitling said Temporary Worker to the right to employment, under restricted conditions, in Guam.

(1) **Time of Registration.** Each employer of a Temporary Alien Worker in Guam shall ensure that such Temporary Worker is registered with the Department of labor within 24 hours (excluding weekends and government of Guam holidays) of such Temporary Worker's physical arrival in Guam, such registration evidenced by the issuance by the Department of Labor of an identification badge to the Temporary Worker.

(2) **Application for Registration.** In order to register a Temporary Alien Worker, an Application for Registration shall be submitted by the employer to the Department of Labor on a form provided by the Department of Labor, and shall be approved by the Director of Labor.

(A) **Information Required.** The following information shall be required upon the form submitted in an Application for Registration:

(i) The surname and given name, height and weight (in standard English units of measure), eye color, date of birth, address and telephone number while in Guam, home address and country, INS Form I-94 AGA number, passport number and arrival date of the Temporary Alien Worker; and,

(ii) The employer's name, telephone number and address in Guam, and the name and telephone number of the Temporary Alien Worker's manager or supervisor.

(B) Assurances Required. In addition to the information required in the Application for Registration, the following written assurances shall be required:

(i) That the employer will comply with all applicable laws and regulations of Guam and the United States for the duration of the Temporary Alien Worker's stay in Guam;

(ii) That the employer will continue to attempt to recruit U.S.-resident workers for its Employment Positions filled by a Temporary Alien Worker for the duration of the Temporary Worker's stay in Guam;

(iii) That the employer participates and will continue to participate in the Apprenticeship Program, as prescribed by the Guam Community College, or such other Apprenticeship Program(s) as may be approved by the Director of Labor;

(iv) That the employer will obtain an Exit Clearance from the Department of Labor prior to the departure of the Temporary Alien Worker from Guam; and,

(v) That no employment contract other than the employment contract submitted with the Application for Registration is in force, either in the U.S. or in any foreign country, that covers the Job Opportunity for which the Temporary Alien Worker is being employed in Guam, and that two copies of the employment contract have been provided to the Temporary Worker, one in English and the other in the language of literacy of the Temporary Worker.

(C) Documents Required. In addition to the information and assurances required above, a complete Application for Registration must have the following documents attached:

(i) Two copies of the employment contract between the employer and the Temporary Alien Worker, one in English and the other in the language of literacy of the Temporary Worker;

(ii) If applicable, a signed authorization from the Temporary Alien Worker to the employer to deduct a specified amount from the Temporary Worker's pay each pay period in compensation for board and lodging actually provided by the employer to the Temporary Worker; and,

(iii) If applicable, a signed authorization from the Temporary Alien Worker to the employer for the employer to hold the Temporary Worker's passport for safekeeping and for other specified purposes, and including a statement of understanding, initialed by the employer, that the passport shall be returned to the Temporary Worker upon request.

(D) In order for an Application for Registration to be considered by the Department of Labor, such Application must also comply with all other requirements established by the Governor of Guam through Executive Order.

(3) **Registration Fee.** A non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) shall be paid to the Department of Labor upon the registration of any Temporary Alien Worker to be employed by an employer within Guam. If such registration is for a period of less than one year, the amount of this fee shall be prorated to the amount necessary to cover that portion of a year for which the registration is made.

(c) **Testing.** Upon submission of an Application for Registration, the Department of Labor may test or cause to be tested the skills and qualification of a Temporary Alien Worker for the Job Opportunity and Employment Position for which the Temporary Worker is certified. If the Temporary Alien Worker is found not to have the requisite skills or qualifications for the Employment Position, such Temporary Worker shall not be registered, but shall be referred to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for disposition. In addition, if a Temporary Alien Worker is found not to have the requisite skills or qualifications, the Department of Labor may cause all such Temporary Workers certified to work for the employer to be similarly tested.

(d) **Registration Granted.** Upon successful compliance with the requirements of A., B. and C., above, the Department of Labor will approve the Application for Registration and will authorize the Temporary Alien Worker to work in Guam for a period of up to one year. Evidence of such registration shall consist of a current and valid identification badge issued by the Department of Labor to the Temporary Worker, and such identification badge shall constitute a work permit and a work permit identification card.

(e) **Identification Badges.** The Director of Labor shall issue an identification badge to each Temporary Alien Worker registered with the Department and authorized to work in Guam. Such identification badge shall have upon it the name of the Temporary Alien Worker, the name of his/her employer, the job category for which the Temporary Worker is certified, a photograph of the Temporary Worker's face, and such other information as may be deemed appropriate by the Director of Labor; it shall bear the signature of the Director of Labor.

(1) **Issuance.** Each Temporary Alien Worker shall be issued an identification badge by the Department of Labor upon completion and approval of registration with the Department.

(2) **Conditions.** Each Temporary Alien Worker registered with the Department of Labor and issued an identification badge shall meet the following conditions:

(A) The Temporary Alien Worker's identification badge shall be retained upon the person of such Temporary Worker (except for necessary and incidental occasions related to personal health and hygiene needs) at all times; and,

(B) Such Temporary Worker shall conspicuously display his/her identification badge at all times during working hours, preferably worn at the collar or breast pocket, but also acceptable at the frontal waistband, sleeve or shirt opening, or attached to the front of the Temporary Worker's safety helmet.

(3) **Replacement.** In the event that a Temporary Alien Worker's identification badge is lost, misplaced, stolen or accidentally destroyed, such incident shall be reported immediately to the Department of Labor, and the Temporary Worker shall immediately seek replacement of the identification badge. In seeking replacement, the Temporary Worker must:

(A) File an affidavit with the Department of Labor describing the circumstances of the loss, misplacement, theft or destruction of the identification badge, and attest that such affidavit is true; and,

(B) Pay Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover the costs of replacing the identification badge.

§7106. Renewal of Certification and Registration. In order for an employer to retain the labor services of a Temporary Alien Worker in an Employment Position beyond the period for which the Temporary Worker is registered, the employer must meet all of the requirements of certification and registration of the Job Opportunity and the Temporary Worker as if they were for the initial employment of the Temporary Worker in Guam.

§7107. Exit Clearance. At least 15 days prior to the departure of a Temporary Alien Worker from Guam, the Temporary Worker's employer shall apply with the Department of Labor for exit clearance for the Temporary Worker, and such application shall be approved by the Director of Labor. Before issuing an Exit Clearance, the Director of Labor shall require an affidavit from the employer that all wages and other compensation due and payable to the Temporary Worker(s) have been paid or otherwise given to the Temporary Worker(s) by the employer.

(a) **Application for Exit Clearance.** A completed Application for Exit Clearance shall be filed by every employer of a Temporary Alien Worker preparing to depart from Guam, and such Application shall be filed on a form provided by the Department of Labor.

(b) **Notification of Departure.** Within ten days after the departure of a Temporary Alien Worker from Guam, the employer of that Temporary Worker shall provide the Department of Labor with notice of such departure, and in such notice shall include the name, occupation, citizenship, date of departure, transportation carrier and flight number, point of recruitment and point of return, as well as the ticket number of the departing Temporary Alien Worker.

§7108. Living Arrangements. Any employer having certification for more than five Temporary Alien Workers in Guam shall make lodging and board available to its employees in Guam. Such lodging may be in a workers' dormitory, and each of the employer's employees residing in such workers' dormitory may have a charge for such lodging and board deducted from his/her pay; such board may include, but not be limited to, the Temporary Worker's meals and personal hygienic needs, and charges for such board provided by the employer may be included in the charge for lodging deducted from the Temporary Worker's pay. Deductions from the Temporary Worker's pay for lodging and board may be made only after authorization by the temporary Worker for such deductions is filed by the Temporary Worker, in writing, with the Department of Labor. Such lodging and board shall be in compliance with the laws and regulations of Guam and the United States relating to sanitation, health and safety, and the employer's facilities and staff used in providing such lodging and board to Temporary Workers shall be subject to permitting requirements and unimpeded inspection by the Departments of Labor and Public Health and Social Services and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

(a) **Temporary Alien Workers Required to Live in Group Quarters.** Any Temporary Alien Worker employed by an employer required to make lodging and board available to its employees must reside in a workers' dormitory provided by the employer, except that any Temporary Worker planning to live with a relative in Guam or having personally made other living arrangements in Guam may petition the Department of Labor for an exemption from this requirement and, upon providing satisfactory evidence to the Department of Labor that such living arrangement is appropriate and continuously available, may be granted such exemption by the Director of Labor.

(b) **Deductions from Pay for Lodging and Board Limited to Actual Costs.**

The employer shall be entitled to recover its costs in providing lodging and board to an employee by deducting such amounts from the employee's pay, but such deductions shall not exceed the actual cost incurred by the employer in providing lodging and board to the employee. If such deductions from the pay of a Temporary Alien Worker exceed Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per week, the employer shall submit records and such other proof as is necessary to satisfy the Department of Labor that such costs were actually incurred; all such costs may be fully allocated by the employer in determining the amount to deduct from an employee's pay.

§7109. Control of Temporary Alien Workers' Behavior and Passports. The activities of a Temporary Alien Worker in Guam are the responsibility of the employer having certification for that Temporary Worker, except that no employer of any Temporary Alien Worker in Guam shall control that Temporary Worker's behavior during non-working hours. In addition, no employer shall withhold the passport of any Temporary Alien Worker in Guam, except that the employer may hold the Temporary Worker's passport for safekeeping and for other purposes when authorized by the Temporary Worker, in writing, to do so, and when a copy of such authorization has been filed with the Department of Labor, but such passport, if so held, shall be returned to the Temporary Worker immediately upon request.

§7110. Employer's Workplace Monthly Report. Every employer having certification for Temporary Alien Workers in Guam shall file a complete monthly report with the Department of Labor on a form provided by the Department. Such report shall be filed no later than the seventh day of each calendar month, and shall be a true and accurate account of the employer's workforce activities for the calendar month immediately preceding. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) **Employee Information.** This shall include the full name, address, citizenship, visa category, Social Security number or AGA number, place of residence in Guam and occupation of each Temporary Alien Worker performing labor services for the employer;

(b) **Certification and Registration Information.** This shall include the commencement and termination dates of certification and registration for every Temporary Alien Worker providing labor services for the employer;

(c) **Employment Position Information.** This shall include the nature and type of work and the project or projects for which each Temporary Alien Worker is performing labor services;

(d) **Costs of Benefits; Deductions from Pay.** This shall report the actual, fully-allocated costs to the employer of providing lodging, board, transportation and any other non-wage compensation given to each Temporary Alien Worker providing labor services to the employer, and a true accounting of the deductions from each Temporary Alien Worker's pay taken in exchange for such non-wage compensation;

(e) **Information Regarding Transferred Temporary Alien Workers.** This shall report the name and occupation of every Temporary Alien Worker who has been or is being recruited, certified and registered by another employer, who is now or has within the past three months been an employee of the employer; and,

(f) **Information Regarding the Unplanned Departure of a Temporary Alien Worker from Guam.** In the event that a Temporary Alien Worker registered by the employer permanently leaves Guam, whether in an emergency or for any other reason, and the employer has not had a reasonable opportunity to obtain an Exit Clearance for the Temporary Worker, this shall be reported in the Employer's Workplace Monthly Report.

§7111. Notices. Any notices or Applications to be filed with the Department of Labor in relation to Temporary Alien Workers shall be filed with the Department's Alien Labor Processing and Certification Division. Any notices to be served upon an employer of Temporary Alien Workers in Guam by the Department of Labor shall be served upon the employer at its address on file in Department records, or, if the employer has retained the services of an attorney to act as its agent in the Applications for Certification and Registration required under these Regulations, upon that attorney in his/her office in Guam.

§7112. Other Laws, Rules and Regulations Applicable. All other laws, rules and regulations of Guam and of the United States, applicable in Guam, relating to the employment of persons and the conduct of business, shall be applicable to the employment of Temporary Alien Workers in Guam, and are incorporated by this reference into these Regulations.

§7113. Penalties. Any violation of these Regulations may be subject to administrative penalties under this Chapter, in addition to any other penalty that may be established by law. Penalties imposed under this Chapter shall be limited to administrative penalties, but there may be other penalties provided under law that apply to additional provisions beyond the scope of these Regulations. Penalties for a violation of these Regulations related to the certification or employment of a Temporary Alien Worker in Guam shall be limited to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a Simple Violation and for each instance of a violation within a Multiple Violation. Penalties imposed for a Willful Violation or a Persistent Violation shall be no less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), nor more than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); in addition to the fine imposed for a Willful Violation or a Persistent Violation, the case of the offender may be referred to the Attorney General of Guam for criminal prosecution.

In the event of a violation of the provisions of this Chapter, the offender will be served with a notice of violation, and shall have the right to an administrative hearing conducted by the Director of Labor. The offender shall be given a period of fifteen calendar days to meet with the appropriate Division Head(s) within the Department of Labor, at which time the offender will be apprised of the level of the fine imposed for the offense; the offender may either pay the fine at that time, or appeal to the Director of Labor for a hearing to present the case in the offender's defense; the offender shall have a right to counsel during such hearing.

There are four classes of offense under this Chapter. They are:

(a) **Simple Violations.** These are single, isolated violations of these Regulations that apply only to one Temporary Alien Worker and his/her employer, and are not repetitive in nature.

(b) **Multiple Violations.** These are violations by an employer that apply to more than one Temporary Alien Worker, but are not repetitive in nature.

(c) **Willful Violations.** These are violations that are either repetitive in nature, being repeated after an employer has already been cited for the same or a similar violation of the laws or regulations applicable to the employment of Temporary Alien Workers in Guam, or committed in reckless disregard of such laws or regulations.

(d) **Persistent Violations.** These are similar to Level C violations, except that they are willful violations that are repeated within the span of a single year.

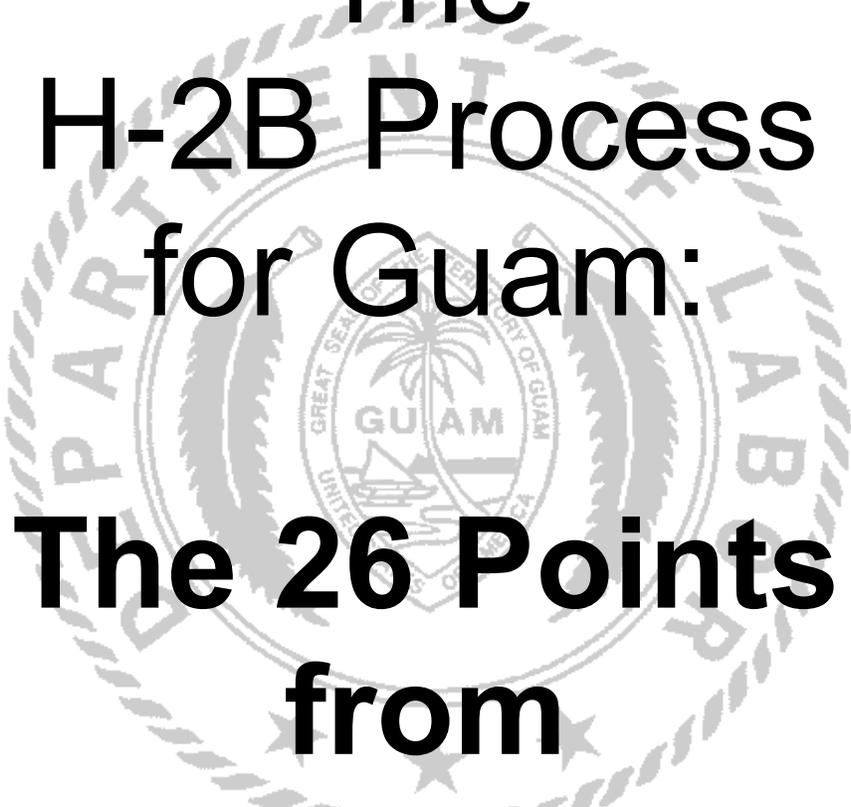
In addition to any other penalty under these Regulations or any other law or regulation applicable in Guam, the Director of Labor may refer the violator to the Executive Director of the Guam Contractors Licensing Board, the Assistant U.S. Attorney in Guam and/or the Officer in Charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Guam for prosecution or other disposition of such violator. In addition, and in cases where material misrepresentation, fraud, or a conviction of a criminal offense has occurred, the Director of Labor may disbar an employer from eligibility to participate in the Temporary Labor Certification program for a period of up to three years.

§7114. Hearings. Upon the request and appeal of an employer of any Temporary Alien Worker or such Temporary Worker himself or herself, the Director of Labor shall hold a hearing of the facts, and shall give the employer or Temporary Worker cited for a violation of these Regulations the opportunity to be heard and to provide rebuttal to any evidence that might be presented. Such hearing shall take place at a time and in a place designated by the Director of Labor, but shall in no case be held less than thirty days after a notice of violation is issued; such notice of violation shall provide specific information about the alleged violation, including a statement of the evidence that such violation has occurred, the penalty proposed, and a statement of the employer's or Temporary Worker's right to present evidence in its or his/her defense.

§7115. Petitions. Any individual shall have the right to submit to the Director of Labor a petition for the establishment or modification of rules and regulations on subjects under the Authority of the Director, and shall have the right to request advisory rulings, consultations or declaratory rulings in relation to existing regulations. Such petitions and requests shall be submitted in writing and on a form provided by the Department of Labor, and shall be acted upon within 60 days by the Director. The Director shall respond to all petitions submitted under this Title in writing.

§7116. Severability. If any part of these Regulations is for any reason declared to be invalid by a court of law, the remaining regulations under this Title shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain valid and enforceable.

§7117. Interpretation. The provisions of these Regulations shall be liberally interpreted to ensure the compliance of Temporary Alien Workers and their employers in Guam with the objectives and purposes of the laws and regulations of Guam and the United States.

The seal of the Department of Labor, Guam, is centered in the background. It features a circular design with a palm tree in the center, surrounded by the text "GREAT SEAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". The outer ring of the seal contains the words "DEPARTMENT OF LABOR" and "LABOR".

The
H-2B Process
for Guam:
**The 26 Points
from
Beginning to End**



Guam's Temporary Labor Certification and the Process for Importing H-2B Workers

We have listed the steps necessary to navigate the H-2B process in Guam. This document is meant for information purposes and does not cover every eventuality or scenario which may present itself during the processing and adjudication of an application for temporary labor certification and the necessary steps after receiving a labor certification.

The Department of Labor endeavors to assist employers to the greatest extent possible, but we do not represent ourselves to be immigration law experts.

The best advice that we can give is:

Before trying to do this process, retain an experienced immigration attorney who has a history of doing business in Guam. It is possible to do the process yourself, but if you get it wrong, the headache, money and time lost may well cost you more than the attorney's fees.

With that said, Here's the process:

Before Filing the Temporary Labor Certification Application:

Prior to starting, the employer must decide how many workers, what occupations and what country they will recruit the foreign workers from. The employer must have already secured project contracts, appropriate building permits and all required supporting documents listed in the Guidelines for the Filing of a Temporary Labor Certification.

1. The employer must advertise the job opportunity prior to filing for a Temporary Labor Certification with the Governor of Guam via the Guam Department of Labor. This is commonly called "Prior Recruitment Efforts." The employer must show that they have made efforts to recruit U.S. workers (in the numbers and categories which will be requested for labor certification) prior to the filing of the application. These efforts must direct applicants to apply directly with the employer and may be in the form of a newspaper advertisement, radio spot, legal posting, participation in job fairs or any other efforts which may entice qualified and available U.S. workers to apply for the job opportunity.

The employer must document all applicants who responded to the prior recruitment efforts, what occupations they applied for and whether or not they were hired. If the applicant wasn't hired, the employer must detail the valid job related reason why the applicant was rejected. Prior recruitment efforts are scrutinized during the adjudication of the application.

Obtaining a Temporary Labor Certification:

2. The employer must file the Application for Temporary Labor Certification with the Guam DOL, Alien Labor Processing & Certification Division (ALPCD). A Caseworker will review the application for completeness and identify any deficiencies. In most cases, if the application is deficient, the application will be returned to the employer for correction. The application will be scrutinized to ensure that there are no overly restrictive job requirements or conditions which would preclude the recruitment of qualified, able and available U.S. workers. The review will also look at compliance history, licensing and the employer's ability to pay the workers requested.

Employers should make sure that they are in good standing with all governmental agencies before filing. Employers will be required to complete a **Clearance Sheet** which must be cleared by the following departments and agencies:

Guam DOL:

- *ALPCD Enforcement*- Compliance with H-2B rules and regulations
- *Guam Worker's Compensation Commission*- Compliance with Work Injury rules.
- *Fair Employment Practice Division*- History of complaints of discrimination or EEO issues.
- *Guam Wage & Hour Division*- History of violations of Wage & Hour Laws
- *Bureau of Labor Statistics*- Submission of Annual Census of Establishments form

U.S. Department of Labor:

- Wage & Hour Division- History of violations of federal Wage & Hour laws

Government of Guam agencies related to Employer Provided Housing:

- *Department of Public Works* –Facility structure
- *Department of Land Management* – Zoning
- *Guam Environmental Protection Agency* - Environmental Impact
- *Department of Public Health & Social Services* - Sanitation and Food Serving Facilities

Department of Revenue & Taxation

- *Business Privilege Branch* – Gross Receipts Tax
- *Income Tax Assistance and Processing Branch*- Income Tax Compliance
- *Collections Branch*- Outstanding tax collections issues
- *Real Property Tax Branch*- Outstanding Property taxes

Negative comments by any of the above-listed entities may result in the delay or denial of an application for temporary labor certification.

The application is not considered officially received until ALPCD acknowledges such by issuing a case number and a referral to GES to begin the testing of the labor market.

3. The employer places Job Orders with the Guam Employment Service (GES) to test the U.S. labor market for a period of 30 days. The employer will be provided, by ALPCD, with the job orders that were submitted with the labor certification application and a GES Job Order Referral from ALPCD.

The employer would then need to schedule an appointment with appropriate staff at the GES to place the job orders. The employer will complete several forms and be given a brief orientation on his responsibilities during the testing of the labor market. The employer will be asked to check in weekly with GES to find out if any interviews are scheduled.

It is important to mention that by regulation, this phase of the process may not be handled by the representative or Attorney. The employer's representative, who has hiring and firing authority, must deal with GES and the attorney may not be involved in the recruitment process.

4. The employer places an ALPCD approved 3 day advertisement announcing the job opportunity and directing applicants to apply directly through GES. This ad is structured and must meet certain requirements. The ad must be published for 3 consecutive working days in the newspaper of largest circulation in Guam. ALPCD caseworkers will advise the employer when to place the advertisement.
5. If applicants are identified by GES, interviews are conducted at the Department of Labor and monitored by GES staff to ensure that interviews are fair and that U.S. applicants are not being discouraged, by the employer, from accepting the job offer.
6. After 30 days, the employer will submit a final report detailing the results of any referrals or interviews conducted during the labor market testing. If applicants are rejected, the employer must explain the lawful job related reasons for such refusals. The applicant may be afforded the opportunity to rebut the employer's findings in the event of a refusal.

The employer will be afforded the opportunity to refute any negative recommendations from GES. ALPCD caseworkers are empowered to conduct fact finding investigations and negotiations with the employer or applicants.

7. ALPCD caseworkers will then adjudicate the application and prepare a synopsis on the application which will summarize all aspects of the application and will contain the caseworker's recommendation on the application.
8. The synopsis and application is reviewed and either concurred by the ALPCD Administrator or remanded back to the caseworker for further research, corrections or action. Depending on the circumstances, the Administrator may consult with the employer, Director or other governmental entities to recommend changes to the application should there be concerns that may be mitigated as opposed to denying an application in its entirety.
9. Once concurred by the ALPCD Administrator the application is reviewed by the Director of Labor. The Director will indicate approval or denial and will sign each application form.
10. The Governor's Legal Counsel conducts a review of the application to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations. Any applications found to be deficient are remanded back to ALPCD for correction.
11. Once acceptable, the application is then Approved or Denied and signed by the Governor of Guam. The application is returned to ALPCD for issuance of validity dates, and final processing prior to release to the employer.

12. The application is then released to the employer for use as a supporting document with their I-129 petition to the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. Employers are asked to pick up their labor certifications in person and will sign out the documents and sign an Acknowledgement of Employer's Responsibilities form which tell the employer what steps to take next and formally advising the employer of their responsibilities as an H-2B employer on Guam.

Obtaining Approval from the U.S. Government:

The Department of Labor is not a representative agency of the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services or the State Department. The following information is for guidance only and employers are urged to consult with those agencies or a Guam immigration attorney for accurate and updated information:

13. The employer must now prepare appropriate form I-129 for all workers being requested and necessary supporting documents to petition for admittance of H-2B workers into the United States with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS). Petitions should be submitted in duplicate. Separate petitions are required for different occupations and countries of origin.

14. The employer pays fees and submits all necessary documentation to the USCIS at the California Service Center. Fees should be made payable to the Treasurer of Guam. Effective 7/30/07 the fees for I-129 petitions are:

\$320.00 per I-129 petition

\$150.00 Fraud Prevention Fee per I-129 petition

Processing & adjudication times are normally about 2 months

Premium Processing fee is \$1,000 per I-129 petition and guarantees 15 day expedited adjudication.

15. The I-129 application is adjudicated at the California Service Center. The employer should receive a Form I-797 "Receipt Notice" indicating the receipt of the application. Delays may occur due to the H-2B worker cap currently in place. Employers must file within certain time frames and documents must indicate certain dates to be acceptable.

16. If the petition is approved, the employer will receive an I-797 "Approval Notice" and a duplicate is sent, by USCIS, to the U.S. Embassy of the country in which the worker resides. The employer must send an original of the Approval Notice to the foreign worker who is responsible to schedule and interview at the Embassy.

17. The worker will then be interviewed at the U.S. Embassy and if the worker passes the interview, a Visa will be issued and affixed to the worker's passport. Workers are scrutinized by the Department of State and various checks are done to ensure there are no fraud or security issues with the workers prior to visa issuance.

18. Once the visa is issued the worker may lawfully enter the United States however, most H-2B visas for employment in Guam are for entry to Guam only. The visa cannot be used to travel to other areas of the United States.

Once the worker arrives on Guam:

19. Within 24 hours from their arrival on Guam, the employer must report the presence of the worker by registering him with ALPCD. It is a violation for the employer to have the foreign worker begin work without first being registered.
20. Registration is accomplished by filing an Application for Temporary Non-Immigrant ID card at the ALPCD office. Copies of the passport, employment contract, Notice of Receipt form I-797, Notice of Approval Form I-797 from DHS and a completed common registration form are required attachments. The application is reviewed and if complete and acceptable, it is officially received. There is currently a yearly fee of \$1,000.00 per worker.
21. After the Application for Registration is processed, the foreign worker is photographed and issued an ID card, which must be in his possession at all times and conspicuously displayed during working hours.
22. The foreign worker is now clear to begin work for the employer. It is important to also have the worker apply for a Social Security Card and to complete the I-9 and Tax forms. H-2B workers must file Guam income tax returns like any other worker. It is highly recommended that workers file "Single or married 0" on their W-4 forms to ensure that they do not owe taxes at the end of the year.
23. Should the duration of work last more than a year, the employer would need to apply for an extension of stay with USCIS. In order to accomplish this, the employer would need to apply for a new labor certification with ALPCD.
24. Once the extension of stay is approved, by the USCIS, the employer must renew the H-2 ID Card. It is common that the employer may not receive the extension approval from USCIS prior to the expiration of the worker's visa. If the employer filed the I-129 for extension prior to the worker's expiration, the worker may continue working until the extension approval is received by the employer. Once the approval is received, the employer may file for renewal of the worker's registration with ALPCD.
25. When the worker is ready to depart the U.S., the employer must submit an Application for Exit Clearance with ALPCD and subsequently, a Notification of Departure form after the actual departure.
26. Once the employer has completed their projects and successfully repatriated all workers, they may apply for the release of the bonding submitted with the labor certification application.



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Question: **How many workers can I request for?**

Answer: For construction industry applications, the rule of thumb to determine the number of workers that we may approve is:

Project Contract Amount *divided by* \$55,000.00 = Number of Workers Allowed

For Non-Construction, ALPCD will look at the employer's need and financial solvency to determine if the number of workers requested by the employer is appropriate.

2. Question: **What are the costs associated with importing H-2B workers?**

Answer: There is currently no filing fee for an Application for Temporary Labor Certification on Guam. Normal costs are as follows:

- The employer is required to post surety bonds guaranteeing payment of wages and the Repatriation of workers. These costs vary based on the employer's projects and size of workforce requested.
- The employer must publish newspaper advertisements as a part of the labor market testing process.
- The employer will shoulder the fees charged by the USCIS for the filing of I-129 petitions and Fraud Prevention Fees.
- The employer normally shoulders the cost of round-trip airfare for the workers.
- Once the workers arrive, the employer must register the workers with the Guam DOL and pay a \$1,000.00 fee annually, per worker.

These costs may not be passed on to the workers and are a cost of doing business. Should employers be caught passing the fees on to the workers, the employer may be required to pay back any funds deducted from the workers.

3. Question: **Where do I file for a temporary labor certification?**

Answer: For employment of H-2B workers in Guam, employers must first file for a Temporary Labor Certification with the Governor of Guam through the Guam Department of Labor at least 40 days prior to the need for the workers' services.

Since the Governor of Guam is the certifying officer for the Guam area, Guam has its own rules and procedures for the processing of labor certifications, separate from those administered by the U.S. Department of Labor.

4. Question: **Do I have to hire an immigration attorney?**

Answer: No. Although it is allowable for an employer to file for a temporary labor certification and petition with the USCIS on their own, we recommend that employers seek legal counsel when navigating the H-2B process. We have seen many instances where employers process documents incorrectly and receive denials when they would have gotten approvals otherwise.

5. Question: **What countries can I bring in H-2's from?**

Answer: You may petition workers from any country you choose, however, you may want to check with the USCIS to determine if there are any prohibitions on the federal level. The most common countries used by H-2B employers is the Philippines, China and Korea. These countries have a proven track record of successful visa issuances for employment in Guam.

6. Question: **Do I have to provide housing for the H-2B worker?**

Answer: Any employer importing 5 or more workers must arrange for employer provided housing. The employer may deduct up to \$320.00 per month for board and lodging. The employer is entitled to recover up to their actual cost for board and lodging, but any amount in excess of \$320 per month must be justified to ALPCD's satisfaction.

Housing accommodations are regulated and monitored by Government of Guam agencies and are subject to OSHA scrutiny.

7. Question: **Are there any health screening requirements for incoming H-2B workers?**

Answer: No. There is no existing health screening requirement by the federal government with regards to H-2B workers prior to their arrival into Guam. Some countries, like the Philippines, required their outbound workers to undergo screenings. Local requirements may be enacted soon which will require some type of screening. These requirements will be posted on our website as the situation develops.

8. Question: **Are there any local rules an employer must follow and are there penalties for non-compliance?**

Answer: Yes. Employers in Guam must comply with all Guam Labor laws and in many cases there are civil penalties for non-compliance. Labor Laws regarding the H-2B program are in the Guam Administrative Rules (GAR) Title 27, Chapter 7. Wage & Hour regulations are also contained the Guam Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

UPDATE !! New DHS H-2B Rules can be found at:

FR Vol. 73, No. 245 Friday, December 19, 2008, Rules and Regulations
Changes to Requirements Affecting H-2B Nonimmigrants and their Employers; Final Rule

FR Vol. 73, No. 245, December 19, 2008, Notices (Pg. 77816)
H-2B Petitioner's Employment-Related or Fee-Related Notification

FR Vol. 73, No. 245, December 19, 2008, Notices (Pg. 77729)
Identification of Foreign Countries Whose Nationals Are Eligible to Participate in the H-2B Program

These documents are available on the Guam DOL website.

9. Question: **How long can I employ the H-2B Workers?**

Answer: Approvals for H-2B workers are normally good for a year and renewable up to 3 years. After 3 years, the alien must depart the U.S. and be out of the country for at least 6 consecutive months before they can be brought back under an H-2B visa. Employers are urged to file for extensions 60-90 days before expiration in order to avoid having to repatriate the worker for re-issuance of the visa. If extensions are filed properly, the alien may remain on Guam while the petition is adjudicated by USCIS.

10. Question: Can H-2B workers transfer to different companies?

Answer: Yes. Workers may transfer to another company provided that the receiving employer has obtained their own labor certification and secured approvals from the USCIS. The worker would likely be required to return to the country of origin and be re-issued a visa for the new employer.