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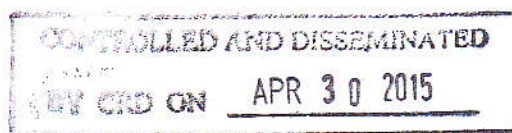


Jordan Amnesty Program for All Foreign Workers

The Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Interior of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan handed down on 25 February 2015 an Amnesty Program for all SKILLED workers. The amnesty period was initially 30 days. On 02 March 2015, the Jordan government extended the amnesty period to 60 days.

The salient features of the amnesty program are as follows:

- A. Foreign workers must rectify their work and immigration status in order for them to obtain services from all public and private entities such as personal status services, bank transactions, education, coverage under the Social Security, housing services, water, electricity, communications and other services.
- B. Period of the Amnesty: The period of amnesty shall be 60 Days
- C. Inclusions:
 1. Those workers who rectify their situations during the first month (first 30 days) of the amnesty will pay the **new work permit fees** without any retroactive fees.
 2. Those workers who avail of the Amnesty Program after 30 days of the amnesty will pay the **new permit fees and the previous year fees**.
 3. The payment of overstay fees shall be treated just like the work permit fees.
- D. Who may avail of the Amnesty
 1. The campaign will include all nationalities of migrant workers who have received payments for their Social Security (referring to the reimbursements of their contribution as a result of termination of their employment) and did not leave the country;
 2. First time workers regardless of how the worker entered the country except those of restricted nationalities. For restricted nationalities, applications will be presented to the relevant committees in the Ministry;



3. Workers who entered the country with expired recruitment contracts and did not complete the issuance of work permits;
4. Workers who will transfer from one sector to any other sector (i.e. HSW to semi-skilled), except transfer from one sector to the agricultural sector or transfer from Qualified Industrial Zones (QIZ) to any other sector;
5. The campaign also includes the workers who were sentenced with deportation decisions not implemented at the start of the Amnesty.

E. Others

The Ministry will stop receiving Request for Recruitment of all nationalities during the period of the Amnesty, except for Qualified Industrial Zones and domestic workers requests. It shall, however, continue with its processes for securing professional licenses, taking into consideration the agreed ratio of Jordanian workers against foreign workers (Trade Test).

During the period of the Amnesty, inspection campaign will continue within the usual procedure in order to control the market and reduce illegal workers.

The Ministry of Labor has called on employers and foreign workers to take advantage of the Amnesty and visit the Labor Directorates in the Kingdom, each according to the place of work, to fix their documents to avoid legal action against violators.

For information and guidance.


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