

## News Release

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### New Zealand to issue employer-led single work visa

The New Zealand Government will soon issue a new single work visa through its new employer-led system for better protection of migrant workers, including the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

Starting November 1, 2021, the new temporary work visa called the Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) will be issued to migrant workers through an employer-led visa application process.

This will replace the six existing visa categories, including the Essential Skills Work visa, Essential Skills Work visa (approved in principle), Talent Work visa, Long-term Skill Shortage List Work visa, Silver Fern Job Search visa, and the Silver Fern Practical Experience visa.

The said new employer-led system will simplify the application process and will aid the businesses and regions in New Zealand to fill genuine skills shortages when there is no New Zealander available to do the job, or can be trained for the role.

To hire a migrant worker on an AEWV, employers must be accredited through a 3-check visa application process to ensure better protection of the workers, as well as aid in combatting migrant exploitation by strengthening the requirements on employers.

Employers can apply for accreditation starting late September until ahead of November 1, 2021.

Also, employers accredited under the current system who plan to hiring other migrants, are still need to apply and meet the policy requirements under the new accreditation system.

On the other hand, employers who do not plan to hiring migrants under the AEWV are not required to be accredited, as well as, for the businesses employing migrants who hold a current Talent or Essential Skill visas.

For the complete guidelines and information on the new temporary work visas and accreditation of employers can be found on the official website of the Immigration New Zealand at <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/employ-migrants/introducing-new-accreditation-and-single-work-visa>. ###