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## Suspension of issuance of visas for certain jobs in Oman extended

The Sultanate of Oman has extended for another six months the suspension of the issuance of visas for certain jobs and professions starting on July 30, 2018.

The Ministry of Manpower has previously issued Ministerial Decision 38/2018 on January 25, 2018 which suspended the authorization to hire foreign workers as part of its nationalization policy in the private sector to provide more jobs to Omani citizens.

During the period of the ban, companies are not allowed to recruit non-Omani workers in 10 employment sectors covering 87 skills and professions.

Exempted from the temporary ban are establishments were registered with the Oman Public Authority for Small and medium Enterprises Development (RIYADA); insured with the Public Authority for Social Insurance (OASI; and whose proprietor manages them on part-time basis.

Permits issued prior to the effective date of the suspension will continue to have effect until their expiration date.

The professions affected are listed below and are divided into the following categories: IT systems, accounting and finance specialists, sales and marketing, administration and human resources, insurance, media, health, airports, engineering, and technical occupations (including road and building construction, lab technicians, power generation, thermal specialists, and chemists).

Information and Technology: Information Security Specialist, Geographic Information System Specialist, Electronic Computer Networks, Programmed Machines Maintenance – Electronic, Electronic Calculator Maintenance, Graphic Designer, Electronic, Surveillance - Equipment Assembly, Electronics Technician – Telecom, Electronics Technician - Control Instrument, Electronic Technician - Medical Equipment, Electronics Technician Broadcast, Electronic Technician - Programmed Machines, Electronic

Technician - Computer Networks, Computer Programmer, Computer Engineer, Computer Operator

Accounting and Finance: Bank Notes and Money changer, Bank Notes Technician, Account Auditing Technician, General Accounting Technician, Cost Account Technician, Costs Accountant, Insurance Collector

Marketing and Sales: Sales Specialist, Storekeeper, Commercial Agent, Commercial Manager, Procurement Logistics Specialist

Administration and Human Resources: Business Administration Specialist, Public Relation Specialist, Human Resources Specialist, Administrative Director

Insurance: Insurance Agent General, Real Estate Insurance Agent, Cargo Insurance Agent, Life Insurance Agent, Vehicle Insurance Agent, Factory Insurance Agent

Information/Media Professions: Media Specialist, Page Maker, Paper Pulp Machine Operator, Bookbinding Machine Operator, Operator Of Decorative Books, Calendar Operator, Paper Dyeing Machine Operators, Bill Printing Machine Operator, Cylinder Press Operator, Rotating Press Operator, Offset Printing Machine Operator, Color Press Operator, Paleographic Press Operator, Paper Folder Machine Operator, Paper Coating Machine Operator, Advertising Agent

Medical Professions: Male Nurse, Pharmacist Assistant, Medical Coordinator

Airport Professions: Aviation Guiding Officer, Ground Steward, Ticket Controller, Airplane Takeoff Supervisor, Air Traffic Controller, Aircraft Landing Supervisor, Passenger Transport Supervisor, Land Guide

Engineering Professions: Architect, General Survey Engineer, Civil Engineer, Electronic Engineer, Electronics Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Projects Engineers,

Technical Professions: Building Technician/Building Controller, Electronic Technician, Road Technician/Road Controller, Mechanical Technician, Soil Mechanics Laboratory Technician, Steam Turbine Technician, Construction Materials Lab Technician, Gas Network Extension Technician, Construction Technician, Transformer Technician, Station Technician, Electrical Technician, Heat Operations Technician, Maintenance Technician, Chemical Technician /END