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New Zealand gives 6-month visa extension to temporary migrants, workers

The government of New Zealand has provided a six-month extension on the visa validity of temporary migrants and workers, whose visas will expire at the end of 2020.

The policy pronouncement as stated in the POEA Advisory No. 101, Series of 2020, will enable temporary migrants, including Filipino workers, to remain in New Zealand for a period of six months after their visa expiry.

Migrants who qualify to the extension are the employer-assisted temporary work visa holders with visas that are due to expire after July 9; and visas that were previously extended to September 25 under the Epidemic Management Notice.

Temporary work visa holders, such as Essential Skills; Work to Residence, Special and Skilled work visas for China, Indonesia, South Korea, Philippines, and Vietnam, are also qualified for the extension, as well as the special category work visas for Japanese Interpreters and Thai Chefs, and work visas granted under the Section 61 of the Immigration Act of 2009 that specify an employer.

The said visa extension will benefit close to 16, 500 Essential Skills and Work Residence visa holders and other employer-assisted temporary work visa holders in New Zealand. ###