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UK grants visa extension for healthcare workers

Foreign health workers in the frontline services, who are essential in the United Kingdom's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic will be given a free one-year visa extension, as announced by its Home Office.

The free one-year visa extension will be automatically granted to eligible overseas healthcare workers, and their dependents, whose visas were due to expire before October 1, 2021.

The said visa extension will benefit crucial healthcare workers in the UK, including Filipino nurses, paramedics, midwives, occupational therapists, psychologists, and other healthcare workers under the UK National Health Services, and other workers in the independent health and care sector.

The one-year visa extension is free of all fees and charges, such as the Immigration Health Surcharge.

Workers who will benefit from the extension just need to complete an online form for the verification of their identity according to the UK .government.

Further information can be accessed through the UK's official website at <u>www.gov.uk</u>. ###