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Canadian temporary policy to grant permanent residence to essential workers

The Chamber of Marine Commerce would like to bring to your attention a recent announcement made by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

It may be relevant if you have a temporary foreign worker(s) currently working for your company. The temporary policy announced by IRCC is aimed at facilitating the granting of permanent residence for foreign nationals in Canada in essential occupations. The policy is in recognition of the ongoing need to fill certain essential occupations in light of the pandemic and to help stabilize this workforce for the pandemic recovery and future.

The policy lists the eligible essential occupations using the national occupational classification (NOC) code system, and includes many industrial trades, material handlers, transport occupations. For example:

7451 (Longshore workers)

Longshore workers transfer cargo throughout dock area and onto and from ships and other vessels. They are employed by marine cargo handling companies, shipping agencies and shipping lines.

- -Dockworker
- -Longshore worker
- -Longshoreman/woman
- -Ship loader operator
- -Stevedore
- -Tanker loader

7452 (Material handlers)

Material handlers handle, move, load and unload materials by hand or using a variety of material handling equipment. They are employed by transportation, storage and moving companies, and by a variety of manufacturing and processing companies and retail and wholesale warehouses.

7532 (Water transport deck and engine crew)

Able seaman/woman (except armed forces)
Boatswain - water transport
Deckhand
Engine room crew member -ship
Helmsman/woman - water transport
Marine engine oiler
Marine engineering mechanic
Ship stoker
Ship tunnel operator

7533 (Boat and cable ferry operators and related occupations)

Canal lock operator
Linesman/woman - canal lock system
Lockmaster
Launch master
Motorboat operator
Scow captain
Small craft operator
Water taxi operator

Information on the temporary policy including eligibility requirements and conditions can be found at the following link:

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/trpr-canadian-work-experience.html

Further details on the occupations referenced by NOC code can be found in Annex A and B of the policy at the following link by entering the NOC code:

https://noc.esdc.gc.ca/Structure/NocProfile/10f8b7283a7b4997940e5466c62da242? objectid=gSREjoZ4xeozxe75B9rMzBRvKByrgzyEzLflSrG4l294GfaJWjBF7sKH9EgCU8cD

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The marine industry is vital to our prosperity by enabling efficient trade within North America and around the world. As the safest, most efficient and environmentally smart method of carrying bulk freight, the increased use of marine transportation alleviates highway congestion, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and is a vital catalyst to overall economic prosperity.

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