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Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Akpalo.Kristina; Georges.Marie Geralde
Cc: Lee.Nancy
Subject: RE: Training requirements for long-haul truck drivers

Hi Kristina – as indicated, for LMIA-exempt offers of employment, the offer must indicate that the training is part of the employment duties, who will pay for the training and if wages will be paid during the training. The information in regards to payment for training can be added by the employer in the 'Alternate Compensation Scheme' field.

In general, since the training is less than 6 months no study permit is required, so, yes, the training can be taken while on a work permit.

Regards,

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Subject: RE: Training requirements for long-haul truck drivers

Hello,

Thank you for the information. Can you please confirm if foreign workers working as long-haul truck drivers can take this training while they are working here on an employer-specific work permit?

Kind Regards,

Kristina Akpalo

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Hi Marie-Geralde –

We have been aware of the MELT for several of the provinces since pre-COVID. Several of the Provinces suspended the MELT during the initial pandemic period. Initially, ESDC was added a note to the LMIA that stated 'must have MELT before work permit' and so we were refusing several WP applications. Then ESDC removed that condition from the LMIA given that the MELT had been suspended.

At present, we have agreed to the following process with ESDC for now - ESDC will confirm with the employer who will pay for the MELT, if wages will be paid during the training period. ESDC is also asking for more documents from trucking companies

For all trucking applications:

Regardless of your history with the TFWP, if you are submitting LMIA applications for trucking positions, you must submit the following documents with your application:

- Current copy of your carrier profile / public profile document
- National safety certificate number, and
- Current fleet insurance

These are Trucking FAQ's from ESDC. **Please note these are not publically available – DO NOT RELEASE**

As part of the work permit application – in order to satisfy an officer that the applicant ‘can perform the work sought’ the applicant should be providing proof that they are registered for the training shortly after their arrival in Canada, who is paying for the training, how long it will take and if there are contingency plans if the applicant fails. Since the training is only available in Canada, based on this information, the officer can make a reasonable decision as to whether the applicant will be able to legally drive truck within a reasonable period of time – e.g. length of course plus time extra time.

IPG TRPD Workers are working on instructions for all regulated or certified occupations in Canada.

Regards,

Ruth

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Hi Nancy,

Sharing the email below for your info. Were you aware?

We forwarded it to IB and waiting for their response.

Merci,

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Subject: FW: Training requirements for long-haul truck drivers

Hello IPG,

Hope you are well. I am wondering if policy is aware of the changes made regarding Saskatchewan temporary foreign truck drivers and their need to take a mandatory entry-level training in order to get a Saskatchewan Class 1 driver's licence.

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https://www.sgi.sk.ca/pro-driver/-/knowledge_base/pro-drivers/class-1-licence
Mandatory Entry-Level Training

All drivers seeking a Class 1 commercial licence in Saskatchewan to drive semi trucks are required to complete a minimum of 121.5 hours of training prior to taking the road test. The training program consists of instruction in the classroom or online (47 hours), in the yard (17.5 hours) and behind the wheel (57 hours). There are 11 modules included and the student must pass each one to complete the training course. Effective March 1, 2021, if you are a visitor or temporary foreign worker, you may no longer use your existing licence to drive Class 1 vehicles (semis) – if you want to drive a semi, you will need to take mandatory entry-level training and get a Saskatchewan Class 1 driver's licence.

Would you be able to provide some clarity regarding this newer requirement to work permit holders as per the Government of Saskatchewan's request?

Thanks in advance,

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Good afternoon Kristina,

I hope you're having a great first day of December. Hard to believe how fast the year has gone.

I have a question regarding Mandatory entry-level training (MELT) for long-haul trucker drivers. As the name suggests, this training is mandatory for truck drivers in Saskatchewan. It consists of 121.5 hours of training. Can you please confirm if foreign workers working as long-haul truck drivers in SK can take this training while they are working here on an employer-specific work permit?

Thanks!

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