

## Important Information for Mexican Seasonal Agricultural Work Permit (SAWP) participants who plan to return to Canada in 2020

### What you need to know if applying for a new Canadian work permit under SAWP for 2020:

- If you worked in Canada under SAWP between January and December 2019 and your employer in Canada wants to hire you for next season, you can follow the process described on this page. If you are new to SAWP, these instructions do not apply to you.
- The Mexican Ministry of Labour (Secretaría del Trabajo y Previsión Social, or STPS) is responsible for managing applications under SAWP.
- Your employer must contact STPS with the request to have you return to work in 2020.
- As of **December 31, 2018**, you have to **give your fingerprints and photo (biometrics)** when applying for a Canadian work permit.
- If you have already given your biometrics, you do not have to give them again. Your biometrics are valid for 10 years from the date you provided them when you apply for a new work permit, study permit.
- You can check Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's website to see if [your biometrics are still valid](#).

### Apply early for work permit - Returning Workers only – before December 14, 2019:

- If you pay the fees and apply for the work permit before December 14, 2019, IRCC in Mexico City will accept your application, even if your Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) is not yet ready. Your employer is responsible for applying directly to Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) for the LMIA.
- IRCC Mexico will process your application **only when** the LMIA has been approved by ESDC and submitted to our office. We won't be able to process your application **until** the LMIA is approved by ESDC and submitted to IRCC Mexico.

### What you need to do from October 2 – December 14, 2019:

- Go to any Scotiabank branch in Mexico to pay the **total fee of \$2509** Mexican pesos for your work permit application.
- Fees can be paid by bank deposit to the VFS Scotiabank account:

Account number: 14506280854

Holder's name: VISA FACILITATION SERVICES MEXICO S. DE RL. DE CV.

- Send a copy of your payment receipt with your name, date of birth and file number to the Mexican Ministry of Labour (Secretaría del Trabajo y Previsión Social (STPS or Servicio Nacional de Empleo (SNE)) office in your region.

**How to provide biometrics (fingerprints and photo):**

- If you have not already provided your fingerprints and photo (biometrics), you must contact the Office of the SNE National Employment Service in your area to arrange for an appointment to submit your application at the Visa Application Centre (VAC).
- You will have to travel to the VAC in Mexico City to provide your biometrics on the date of your scheduled appointment.
- Note: you have to give your biometrics (fingerprints and photo) only once (1) every 10 years when applying for a work or study permit.
- If you already provided biometrics for the 2019 work season, you do not need to provide biometrics with your work permit application for the 2020 work season.

**\*Please contact your regional STPS/SNE office before December 31, 2019 to book a biometrics appointment.\***

**If you submit your application on or after January 2, 2020:**

- You will have to wait for the LMIA from ESDC before you can submit a completed application and give your biometrics.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional STPS/SNE office.