

BACKGROUNDER
Federal-Provincial Working Groups on Temporary Foreign Workers
in Alberta and British Columbia

In an attempt to meet urgent and ongoing labour market needs in Alberta and British Columbia, bilateral working groups have been formed to develop collaborative approaches to managing Federal and Provincial initiatives aimed at facilitating the entry of temporary foreign workers.

The Working Groups identify priorities and new approaches by sharing information. They identify skill shortages and develop strategies to facilitate processing applications from employers. They work to meet employer needs through education and promotion and periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of strategies.

The work of these groups which also includes pilot projects serves as best practices which could be of use to other regions. Membership in these groups includes various representatives from the federal and provincial departments.

British Columbia – Canada Working Group Membership:

- Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC)/Service Canada (SC)
- Citizenship and Immigration (CIC)
- British Columbia Economic Development
- British Columbia Ministry of the Attorney General, Multiculturalism and Immigration Branch

Alberta – Canada Working Group:

- Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC)/Service Canada (SC) Alberta Region (Co-Chair)
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)
- Alberta Human Resources and Employment (Co-Chair)
- Alberta Economic Development
- Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Hiring Temporary Foreign Workers in Alberta

- <http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/asp/gateway.asp?hr=en/ab-nwt-nu/fwp/fw.shtml&hs=ab0>