

Work Permits for Spouses of Skilled Permit Holders



If you are on a *skilled* LMIA (**skilled means NOC O, A or B**) or you are an IEC permit holder (WH or YP) and can prove that you are employed in an NOC 0, A or B position, your spouse may be eligible to apply for an open work permit under exemption C41.

See:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/tools/temp/work/opinion/policy.asp>

And:

http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2013/cic/Ci63-27-2013-eng.pdf .

Info on C41 is on page 79, section 5.38

- The principal foreign worker must be doing work which falls within NOC Skill Levels 0, A or B;
- The principal foreign worker must hold a work permit that is valid for a period of at least six months;
- The principal foreign worker and spouse must physically reside, or plan to physically reside, in Canada while working.

If you are a holder of an open work permit (e.g. Post-Graduation Work Permit, Working Holiday, etc), your spouse, applying for the C41 exemption, will need to attach a copy of *your* work permit to his or her application for an open work permit. Your spouse will also need to provide information about *your* employment by attaching supporting documents including: a letter from your current employer confirming employment or a copy of your employment offer or contract; AND a copy of one of your pay slips.

The application must go to Vegreville Alberta. Include a copy of the above page of the FW Manual highlighting exception C41.

Remember: you must offer proof of your marital or common-law status.

Application form:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/extend-worker.asp>

NATIONAL OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATION (NOC) MATRIX

