

## New Visa (E-8) for seasonal migrant workers

The South Korean government has revised the immigration law to issue a new visa type (E-8 visa) for seasonal migrant workers, which will allow them to stay for up to 5 months for temporary farming and fishing work.

Seasonal migrant workers for farming and fishing	
Under Current Law	From 10 February 2020
C-4 Visa (allows a stay of up to 90 days).	Depends on workers' employment period in South Korea: C-4 Visa (allows a stay up to 90 days) OR E-8 Visa (allows a stay up to 5 months).

Under the current law, foreign seasonal workers invited by farming and fishing businesses can enter the country on a C-4 visa only, which allows a stay up to 90 days. The legal revision came after many farm and fishing business owners complained that actual labor period is too limited after excluding their workers' period of adjustment and departure preparation.

The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) plans to finalize its E-8 visa management plan by 10 February 2020 to effectively manage and assign seasonal migrant workers which expected to be more than 22,000 per year. Applications for E-8 visa will be accepted from 10 February 2020.

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