

The Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister
Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
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Re: Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act

Dear Minister McNaughton,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), I would like to bring to your attention concerns regarding Ontario's 'Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act'.

Our organization is developing a more complete presentation on this topic, but we would like to share our initial thoughts.

Currently, the act loosely defines a 'recruiter' as anyone involved in the process of helping a Temporary Foreign Worker work in Canada. The legislation states the 'recruiter' cannot charge to help a TFW obtain temporary work and, significantly, cannot charge for any immigration services.

We understand that these restrictions are intended to protect a TFW from fraud or abuse and we agree that's very important. We have several concerns for the TFW under the act. The TFW may require additional services after getting their work permit and the act currently does not offer them access to counsel. Also, the TFW should have the right to seek immigration advice from an authorized representative on immigration matters.

Additionally, as of June 2022, the client protection act is now available through the accountability and formal complaints process provided by the national Code of Professional Conduct for the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants Licensees.



CAPIC is an authority in the immigration industry and our organization is happy to work with your team on all immigration matters. CAPIC has strong relationships with all tiers of government and has been formally recognized as the leader of, and advocate for, immigration and citizenship consultants and the immigration consulting profession. We represent over 4000 immigration and citizenship consultants who assist newcomers working, studying, visiting, or moving to Canada.

Sincerely,

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