

Do you need to renew your employer accreditation?

Many employers will need to renew their accreditation in the next few months.

Why is a current accreditation important?

If you intend to continue hiring migrant workers, renew or extend the visas of your current workers, and/or support pathways to residency for your most valued workers, you'll need employer accreditation.

Demand is high, and timing is important

If your accreditation is due to expire in the next two months, we recommend starting the process now.

Please note that if your accreditation expires before a decision has been reached, Interim accreditation may be approved to bridge the gap between the expiry date and the new accreditation being approved. However, Interim accreditation is only valid for a maximum of three months.

To renew or not to renew?

What would you like to do?	When you renew	If you do nothing
Continue to hire migrant workers	✓	✗
Support your migrant workers on residence pathways	✓	✗
Support AEWV holders to apply for their 2 year AEWV extension, if eligible.	✓	✗
Keep current migrant workers employed until their visa ends	✓	✓

While renewing your accreditation is not required to keep your current migrant workers employed, **you won't be able to support new AEWV applications, support residence applications, or support existing AEWV holders for their two-year extensions.**

The rules have changed

Changes came into effect on April 7 2024 and affect both migrants and employers.

Here's a summary of the changes:

Changes for employers	Changes for AEWV applicants
Advise INZ of any AEWV holders leaving the business if their visa has more than 1 month validity	New minimum skills requirement
Additional grounds for accreditation suspension	New minimum standard of English
New Job Check requirements	Some occupations will mean a shorter visa length (3 years instead of 5)
Provide evidence that they have taken reasonable steps to ensure an applicant meets qualification and skill requirements	

We're here to make it seamless

Timing is crucial, and there are also regulatory changes to navigate. If you want to:

- ✓ Avoid costly mistakes and penalties
- ✓ Understand your obligations and remain compliant
- ✓ Apply with confidence (and get it right the first time)

Our Licensed Immigration Advisers are here to help.

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