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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION  
MINISTRY OF HOME AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

**NOTIFICATION**

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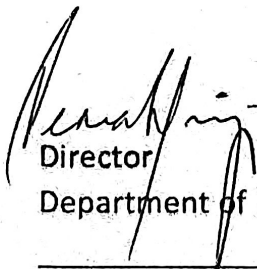
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The Department of Immigration would like to notify that Sections 77<sup>1</sup> and 129<sup>2</sup> of the Immigration Rules and Regulations (2015) have been relaxed for foreign workers currently inside the country in view of the COVID-19 situation as follows:

- i) Transfer of foreign worker(s) from one employer to another shall be permitted
- ii) Renewal of work permit for foreign workers beyond 3 years shall be facilitated
- iii) Inter-Dzongkhag transfer of foreign workers of the same employer shall be permitted

This is an interim measure to address the shortage of foreign workers as a result of the suspension of entry of foreign workers since 6 March 2020. The interim measures have been put in place in consultation with the Department of Labour and shall remain in force till further notice.

For information/clarification, please contact the Service Division, Department of Immigration at 333522 / 330874 during office hours.

  
Director  
Department of Immigration

<sup>1</sup> A foreigner who is already inside shall be permitted to change the visa category or host agency only upon proper exit from the Kingdom for at least fifteen days.

<sup>2</sup> A foreign worker unless otherwise specified in the relevant section of this regulation, shall exit the country for at least six months on completion of three years stay in the Kingdom.