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## Panama's Ministry of Labor and Workforce Development further extends the validity of work permits issued to foreign workers due to COVID-19

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On 30 March 2020, Panama's Ministry of Labor and Workforce Development published Resolution DM-149-2020 to further extend until 30 April 2020, work permits issued to foreign workers that were set to expire by 7 April 2020.

### Background

Resolution No. DM-136-2020 previously extended to 7 April 2020, the validity of work permits issued to foreign workers that were set to expire from 12 March 2020 to 7 April 2020.

### Resolution DM-149-2020

Resolution DM-149-2020 not only extends work permits for foreign workers to 30 April 2020, it also suspends until that date proceedings related to work permit requests, such as filiation processes (i.e., judicial determinations of paternity), the submission of new processes (i.e., new permit requests), marriage interviews, and issuance of work permit cards. Likewise, proceedings and legal actions before the Department of Labor Migration and the Regional Directorates of the Ministry are suspended until 30 April 2020.

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