

Human Resources Legislative Update

Federal Budget Bill Tabled, Changes To Temporary Foreign Worker Program Announced

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On April 29, 2013, the federal government tabled Bill C-60, [Economic Action Plan 2013 Act, No. 1](#), omnibus legislation giving effect to some of its [Budget 2013 initiatives](#).

In conjunction with the tabling of Bill C-60 and further to its Budget 2013 initiative to ensure that Canadians have first priority at job opportunities when they become available, [the federal government also announced](#) significant modifications to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (“TFWP”) through legislative, regulatory and administrative changes. In this regard, Bill C-60 would, if passed, amend the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* to include the following:

- permit the revocation of a temporary foreign work permit where justified by public policy considerations;
- permit the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development to revoke or suspend a labour market opinion (“LMO”) or refuse to process a request for such an opinion where justified by public policy considerations;
- allow fees to be paid for rights and privileges conferred by means of a work permit; and
- exempt from the *User Fees Act* payment of a fee for the processing of an application for a temporary resident visa, work permit, study permit or extension of an authorization to remain in Canada as a temporary resident.