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MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION

S.I. No. 34 of 2023

IMMIGRATION ACT

(CHAPTER 191)

IMMIGRATION (FEES)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2023

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 of the Immigration Act (Ch. 191) makes the following Regulations —

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Regulations, which amend the Immigration (Fees) Regulations, may be cited as the Immigration (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2023.

2. Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal Regulations.

Regulation 3 of the Immigration (Fees) Regulations is amended —

- (a) in paragraph (1) by deleting the words "(3) and (4)" and substituting the words "(3), (4) and (5)"; and
- (b) by inserting the following therein as paragraph (5)
 - "(5) In addition to the fee payable for the grant of a work permit for a person holding an occupation in Scales 1,2, or 3 of the Schedule hereto, there shall be a levy of five percent charged and collected on that fee, and the levy so collected shall be paid into the Immigration Levy Fund, established under the Public Finance Management (Immigration Levy)(Special Fund) Act, 2023."

3. Amendment to Schedule of the principal Regulations.

The Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended as follows —

- (a) in paragraph (c) of item 1, by the deletion of the word "\$2,000" and the substitution of the word "\$3,000";
- (b) in item 2, by the deletion of the word "\$7,500" and the substitution of the word "\$10,000";
- (c) in item 3, by the deletion of the word "\$2,000" and the substitution of the word "\$3,000";

- (d) in paragraph (a) of item 4, by the deletion of the word "\$2,000" and the substitution of the word "\$3,000";
- (e) by the insertion immediately after item 5B of the following new item
 - "5C. For an Economic Permanent Residence certificate granted pursuant to section 17A of the Act with the right to engage in gainful occupation in his own business
 5D. For an Economic Permanent Residence

\$25,000

5D. For an Economic Permanent Residence certificate granted pursuant to section 17A of the Act without the right to engage in gainful occupation

\$20,000"

- (f) in item 9, by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (g) in item 10, by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (h) in item 11, by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (i) by the deletion of item 12 and the substitution of the following new items
 - "12. Subject to item 12A, for processing permits and certificates \$200
 - 12A. For expedited processing of applications for residence permits and work permits within fourteen days of receipt of application \$400
- (j) in item 13, by the deletion of the word "\$2,000" and the substitution of the word "\$3,000";
- (k) in item 14, by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (l) in item 15, by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (m) in item 16, by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (n) in item 17, by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (o) in item 21—

- (i) in paragraph (a) of by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (ii) in paragraph (b) of by the deletion of the word "\$500" and the substitution of the word "\$1,500";
- (p) in item 22, by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (q) in item 23
 - (i) in paragraph (a) of by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) of by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
 - (iii) in paragraph (c) of by the deletion of the word "\$100" and the substitution of the word "\$300";
- (r) in item 26, by the deletion of the word "\$2,000" and the substitution of the word "\$3,000".

Made this 31st day of May, 2023.

Signed
KEITH BELL
Minister Responsible for Immigration