

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2024**

Question

“In relation to the Island’s work permit policy, will the Minister provide details of any changes and updates that have been made in the last six months for each category of worker, including the rationale and timing of any such variations?”

Answer

No changes to the work permit policy, dated August 2023, have been made in the past 6 months.

A revised work permit policy has been drafted, which addresses recommendations from the Work Permit Holder Welfare Scrutiny report.

The updated policy will include the following changes:

- More information and clarity for employers and employees on their responsibilities.
- More information, via appropriate links, for employees on living and working in Jersey and available support.
- Employees will now be able to switch employers after 6-months continuous employment with an employer (rather than 12 months as previously).
- Updated and expanded list of occupations eligible for long term work permits along with more realistic salary thresholds.
- Information on Immigration methodology for calculating whether an occupation meets a salary threshold.
- Information on Immigration methodology for calculating whether a long-term work permit holder has sufficient funds to maintain and accommodate their dependants in the Island.
- The ability for those on long-term work permits to take on supplementary part-time employment of no more than 20 hours per week.
- Those on temporary or long-term work permits wishing to take on part-time supplementary employment may not require the permission of their primary employer however they may be contractually obliged to seek their permission

It is anticipated that the updated version will be published in the coming weeks.