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BREAKING NEWS!!!!

INTRA COMPANY TRANSFER WORK VISAS

The Department of Home Affairs has issued a directive regarding the continuation of international assignments in South Africa.

In respect of individuals in South Africa on an Intra Company Transfer Work Visa that was issued under the previous legal dispensation applicable prior to 26 May 2014, such individual would have been issued with an Intra Company Transfer Work Visa for a maximum duration of 2 years. The directive issued by Home Affairs now states that such individual is entitled to apply for a further Intra Company Transfer Work Visa for a maximum 4 year duration. Such application must, however, be made in that individual's country from which he or she was transferred. The application cannot be made from within South Africa.

There has been many inconsistencies that have been applied by the Department of Home Affairs locally and also through our South African Embassies and High Commissions abroad. As a result, the Department of Home Affairs has issued this directive to clarify the matter and, in our opinion, this certainly is a positive step on their side.

We can assist in respect of preparation of the Intra Company Transfer Work Visa in respect of applicants from within South Africa to be able to submit their applications upon the return to the country that they were assigned from. Should you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

CRITICAL SKILLS WORK VISAS

A directive has also been issued by the Department of Home Affairs in respect of Critical Skills Work Visa.

This relates to the requirement to not only provide proof of registration with the appropriate SAQA recognised professional body but also provide confirmation from the professional body of the individual applicant's qualifications, skills and working experience.

The directive confirms that so long as proof of registration with the relevant professional body is provided there is no need to submit an additional confirmation from the professional body as to the individual applicant's skills, qualifications and working experience.

The purpose behind issuing this directive is that if the individual has a registration with that professional body, the professional body has obviously already satisfied themselves as to the qualifications and skills of the individual. Many professional bodies have been unwilling and unable to provide such confirmation of skills and working experience.

Again, this certainly is a positive step on the part of the Department of Home Affairs.

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