

To MBIE

From: Kiwitanga Democratic Party

RE: Essential Skills Visa

We support your changes to the Essential Skills Visa categories. This will be good for New Zealand workers and businesses. The rules are clear and tighter than currently.

We wish to suggest an additional measure to add to the 'Labour Market Test' where MBIE is not satisfied, particularly in the case of medium and higher skilled jobs, that the employer has properly advertised in New Zealand.

MBIE could require employers of medium and higher skilled workers to pay for the services of independent local recruitment services for 1-2 months to search the country for them before they can apply for a visa for an overseas worker.

Thank you for listening to my submission

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