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PAYMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS LEVY BY EMPLOYERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2018

The Ministry of Human Resources has announced that effective **1 January 2018**, the levy of foreign workers has to be borne by the employers. This policy is applicable to existing foreign workers holding the Temporary Employment Visit Pass (Pas Lawatan Kerja Sementara, PLKS) and new foreign workers.

This policy also applies to employers who have already advanced the levy payment to their foreign workers before the policy comes into force i.e. PLKS period is still active from this year and expires in 2018. Employers are no longer allowed to deduct the levy from wages of their foreign workers with effect from January 2018.

The levy payment policy is stipulated in the [Employers Undertaking \(EU\) document](#) which shall be signed by the employer before they are allowed to hire new foreign workers or renew the foreign worker's PLKS.

The Employers are also responsible for carrying out compulsory additional medical examination under FOMEMA for its foreign workers before renewal of PLKS for their 5th, 7th and 9th year of employment.

Employers are reminded to strictly comply with the new policy concerning the payment of levy for foreign workers, failing which firm action would be taken by the authority against the employers.

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