

GLAA Brief

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This Brief publishes the GLAA's latest guidance on the Suspension of the Temporary Licensing Scheme.

Introduction

The GLAA Temporary Licensing Scheme was originally introduced in response to a call from Industry, to help labour supply businesses to meet the demands of food production during the COVID19 pandemic. The GLAA worked with Industry to develop a scheme which could respond to this urgent need and provide a source of workers to help with the imminent harvest. Along with schemes like "Pick for Britain", the GLAA was able to assist labour providers to mobilise workers from other sectors to access work. We're proud that we have been able to help keep the nation fed.

However, it was always envisaged that the scheme would be time-limited. This Brief sets out the steps that we are taking to suspend the scheme.

Suspension of the Temporary Licensing Scheme

The GLAA will be closing the scheme from 1st June 2020 and will not be accepting any further applications after this date. The take-up of Temporary Licences has been low and with the support of key stakeholders, we have decided that there is no longer a need for the scheme. We will keep the situation under review and if it becomes clear that there are specific labour shortages then we will consider re-opening the scheme.

What actions do Temporary Licence-holders need to take?

Every Temporary Licence-holder will receive a letter from the GLAA setting out what actions they should take in relation to their licence. The Temporary Licence will expire at the end of the 3-month period, as set out in the conditions placed on the licence. We would encourage Temporary Licence-holders to apply for a full GLAA Licence, if they wish to continue to supply labour once the Temporary Licence expires.

Existing Temporary Licence Applications

Any existing application for a Temporary Licence which has not been completed prior to 1st June 2020 will be cancelled. Applicants will receive information from the GLAA on the status of their application, prior to this date. Again, we would encourage applicants to apply for a full GLAA licence.

Further information

- 1. If you any further queries, please contact the GLAA helpline on 0345 602 5020 or email <u>licensing@gla.gov.uk</u>.
- 2. For the latest news and updates from the GLAA:



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