

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
ON WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

Signed at Ottawa October 20, 1995
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The Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of Canada (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

In a spirit of promoting closer cooperative relations between the Republic of Korea and Canada,

Desirous of providing wider opportunities for nationals or citizens of each country, particularly youth, to appreciate the culture and general way of life of the other for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding between the Republic of Korea and Canada,

Wishing to provide arrangements for Working Holidays which are intended to make it possible for Canadian citizens to enter the Republic of Korea and Korean nationals to enter Canada, primarily to holiday for an extended period and also engage in employment as an incidental aspect of their holiday in order to supplement their travel funds,

Have reached the following understanding:

1. Each Party will issue a Working Holiday authorization (a letter of introduction for a Korean and a visa for a Canadian) at a diplomatic or consular mission of the respective countries, to a maximum of 200 individuals who satisfy each of the following requirements:
 - (i) In the case of applications by Koreans, are Korean nationals who are resident in the Republic of Korea, and in the case of applications by Canadians, are Canadian citizens who are resident in Canada;
 - (ii) Intend primarily to holiday in the country of destination for a specific period;
 - (iii) Are between eighteen(18) and twenty-five(25) years of age, both inclusive, at the time of application for a Working Holiday authorization, except in those cases

where the competent authorities of both Parties decide to extend the limitation of age to thirty(30) years;

- (iv) Are persons without accompanying dependents;
- (v) Possess a valid passport and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds with which to purchase such a ticket;
- (vi) Possess sufficient funds for their maintenance, including medical expenses or evidence of appropriate medical insurance, during the initial six(6) months' stay in Canada or the Republic of Korea as the case may be;
- (vii) Korean applicants will be subject to undergo, by a medical officer recognized by the Canadian government, a medical examination to obtain their authorization to visit Canada in order to be eligible to work in Canadian food industries or where there is a public health concern for Canadians.

2. Application for the Working Holiday Program visa as referred to in paragraph 1 above will be made, in the case of Canadian applicants, to a diplomatic or consular mission of the Government of the Republic of Korea and, the letter of introduction, in the case of Korean applicants, to a diplomatic or consular mission of the Government of Canada. When necessary, applicants will be interviewed by representatives of the mission to which application is made, to determine their eligibility.

3. Applicants will not be refused an authorization under the Working Holiday Program solely on the grounds of their lack of knowledge of the English or French languages (in the case of Korean applicants wishing to visit Canada under the Working Holiday Program) or their lack of the Korean language (in the case of Canadian applicants wishing to travel to the Republic of Korea under the same Program).

4. Each Party will grant to holders of the Working Holiday authorization as mentioned in paragraph 1 above, permission to stay in Canada or the Republic of Korea for an initial period of up to six(6) months. Both Parties will also grant, where appropriate, an extension of up to six(6) months, provided that Korean nationals undergo and pass an examination by a medical officer recognized by the Canadian government.

5. Both Parties will provide Working Holiday Program applicants with a list of types of occupations not eligible under the Program in their respective countries. Both Parties will not impose any cost recovery mechanism for employment authorization or visa fees.