



Is there a Migratory Qualifying Worker and a Migratory Child?

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Jose Rodriguez, his wife, and three school-aged children move from Texas to Indiana to work in the tomatoes. They arrive on April 13, 2017, and Jose begins work that week. The family then moves to Florida on September 15, 2017, to work in the strawberry fields. Jose engages in work the next day. The recruiter finds the family on September 19, 2017.

Are the children eligible for the MEP? How many qualifying moves did the children make? If the children do not move again, when will MEP eligibility end for the children?

Are the children eligible for the MEP?

Do we have a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

YES. The children's father is a Migratory Qualifying Worker because he made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months, soon after where he engaged in new qualifying work in both Indiana and Florida. If Jose does not make another qualifying move and engages in qualifying work soon after that move, he will retain the status of Migratory Qualifying Worker from September 15, 2017 to September 14, 2020.

Do we have a Migratory Child?

YES. The children made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months with their father who is a Migratory Qualifying Worker.

How many qualifying moves did the children make?

The children made two qualifying moves:

1. April 13, 2017; from Texas to Indiana
2. September 15, 2017; from Indiana to Florida

If the children do not move again, when will MEP eligibility end for the children?

If the children do not move again, MEP eligibility will end on September 14, 2020.

On August 24, 2016, a worker, his spouse, and two school-aged children move from Ohio to Pennsylvania, to engage in seasonal agricultural work picking peaches. The father begins work the next day and continues working until October 2016. After the work ends, the entire family moves on October 28, 2016, to Florida where the mother obtains work in a hotel. The recruiter finds the family in August 2017.

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Are the children eligible for the MEP?

Do we have a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

YES. The children's father is a Migratory Qualifying Worker because he made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months, soon after where he engaged in new qualifying work in Pennsylvania . If the father does not make another qualifying move and engages in qualifying work soon after that move, he will retain the status of Migratory Qualifying Worker from August 24, 2016 to August 23, 2019.

Do we have a Migratory Child?

YES. The children made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months with their father who is a Migratory Qualifying Worker.

How many qualifying moves did the children make?

The children made two qualifying moves:

1. August 24, 2017; from Ohio to Pennsylvania
2. October 28, 2016; from Pennsylvania to Florida

If the children do not move again, when will MEP eligibility end for the children?

If the children do not move again, MEP eligibility will end on October 27, 2019.

Joaquin, a 17-year old out-of-school youth moved from California to Florida to pick blueberries on July 11, 2017. Within a week of moving to Florida, he applied for seasonal employment picking blueberries but did not get the job. Joaquin had never migrated for work before. The recruiter interviewed Joaquin on July 17, 2017.

Is Joaquin eligible for the MEP?

Are the children eligible for the MEP?

Do we have a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

NO. Joaquin is NOT a Migratory Qualifying Worker for the following reasons:

- Joaquin made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months, but did NOT engaged in new qualifying work soon after the move.
- Joaquin actively sought new qualifying work, but he does NOT have a recent history of moves for qualifying work in the last 36 months.

Do we have a Migratory Child?

NO. Joaquin (also the child) did not move on his own as Migratory Qualifying Worker.

Scenario 4

Robert and his mom, Anna, live in Orlando, FL. Robert is 16 years old, still in school, and has lived in Orlando for as long as he can remember. His mom has always worked in housekeeping at a local hotel but recently the hotel permanently closed. Desperate to secure some type of employment, Anna and her son move to Plant City on May 13, 2016 to work in the strawberry harvest. Anna was able to work for three months. In September 2016, Anna receives news about a new hotel that has opened in Orlando. Anna moves back to Orlando on September 15, 2016 to apply for the work at the hotel and secure housing. Robert then joins his mom at the end of the school semester on December 20, 2016. A recruiter interviews the family in Orlando on July 1, 2017.

Is the child eligible for the MEP? How many qualifying moves did the child make? If the child does not move again, when will MEP eligibility end?

Are the children eligible for the MEP?

Do we have a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

YES. The child's mother is a Migratory Qualifying Worker because she made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months to Plant City where she engaged in new qualifying work soon after the move. If the mother does not make another qualifying move and engages in qualifying work soon after that move, she will retain the status of Migratory Qualifying Worker from May 13, 2016 to May 12, 2019.

Do we have a Migratory Child?

YES. The child made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months to join his mother who is a Migratory Qualifying Worker.

How many qualifying moves did the child make?

The child made two qualifying moves:

1. May 13, 2016; from Orlando, FL to Plant City, FL
2. December 20, 2016; from Plant City, FL to Orlando FL

If the child does not move again, when will MEP eligibility end?

If the child doesn't move again, MEP eligibility will end on December 19, 2019.

Eric, Isabel, and their two school-aged children arrived in Volusia County on February 28, 2015. Upon arrival, Eric applied and was hired at a local packing house packing vegetables. Eric traveled to Georgia to work in construction on May 21, 2017. The children stayed behind with their mother to finish their school year. The recruiter in Volusia County, FL identifies the family on February 27, 2018.

Are the children eligible for the MEP?

How many qualifying moves did the children make?

Are the children eligible for the MEP?

Do we have a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

NO. The children's father is NOT a Migratory Qualifying Worker because he did not make a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months.

Do we have a Migratory Child?

NO. The children did not make a qualifying move with a parent/guardian who is a Migratory Qualifying Worker.

How many qualifying moves did the child make?

The children made one qualifying move to Volusia County on February 28, 2015; however, this move did not occur in the preceding 36 months from the eligibility interview. The children would have reached their end of eligibility (EOE) on February 27, 2018 (the date the eligibility interview took place).



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