

Migrant Education Program Identification & Recruitment

Technical Assistance: International Moves

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What is an International Move?

A recruiter may come across a situation where the family moved from countries other than Mexico or Canada.

Can a recruiter determine the children eligible for the MEP if the family moved from **any** country, such as: Haiti, Guatemala, Vietnam, Somalia, etc. ?



According to the NRGs

Chapter II, D3 I

May a worker's move to the United States from another country qualify for the MEP?

NRGs - U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Migrant Education, Non-Regulatory Guidance for the Title I, Part C Education of Migratory Children, Washington, D.C., 2010.

And the answer is...

Yes. The Department believes a worker's move from another country to the U.S. may qualify if **one of the purposes** for the move was to seek or obtain qualifying work and [all eligibility criteria] are met.



What recruiters need to know

What was the purpose of the move to the United States?

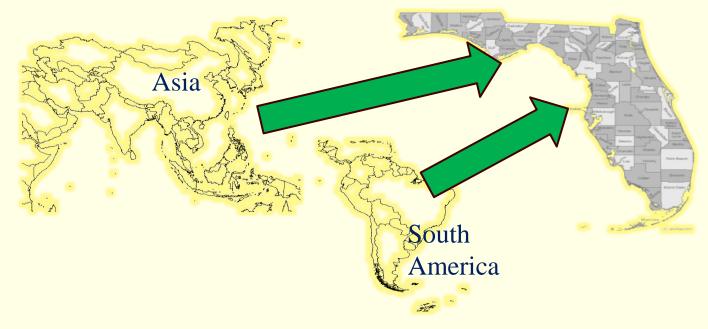
Was obtaining or seeking qualifying work one of the purposes of the move?







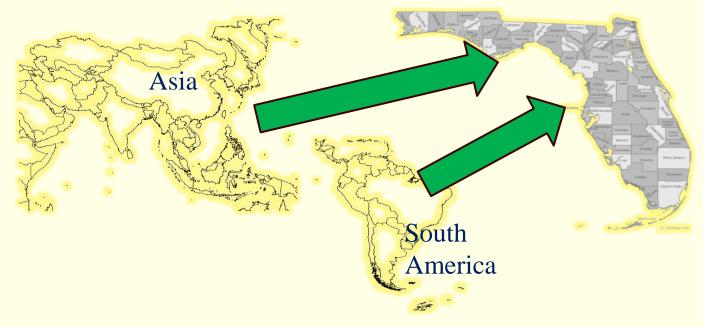
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A move from **any country** to any school district in the U.S. may be considered eligible **if**....



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- One of the purposes is to seek or obtain qualifying work
- All of **STAMP** of Eligibility criteria are met



What is an International Move?

A recruiter may come across a situation where the family moved to Mexico to work on their farm.

Can a recruiter determine the children eligible for the MEP if the family moved to Mexico and worked in agriculture?



According to the NRGs

Chapter II, D32
Is a move from the United States to another country a qualifying move?

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And the answer is...

No. The MEP was established to benefit families who perform qualifying work in the United States. The Department does not [consider] moves to another country to engage in temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural or fishing work to be qualifying moves.

What does NRG's say about moves to other countries?



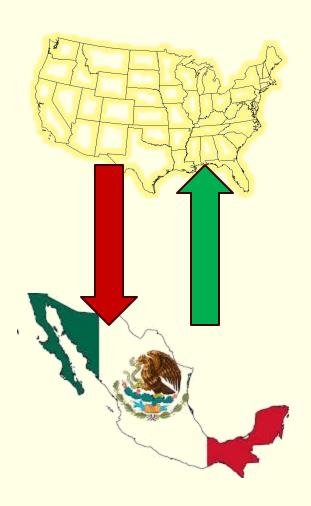
A move to another country will never be a qualifying move.

The qualifying work has to be completed in the U.S.



However ...

If a worker's move to another country is a "change of residence" due to economic necessity,



the worker's move back to a school district in the U.S. might be a qualifying move, if all of STAMP of Eligibility criteria are met.



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