

APPENDIX 6-B-3 Independent Professionals

Section A: Independent Professionals (IP)

1. Independent Professional means a self-employed person possessing appropriate educational and other qualifications relevant to the service to be provided who is engaged in the supply of a contracted service, where the professional has a service contract from a juridical person of the other Party, who enters and temporarily stays in the territory of the other Party.
2. Independent Professionals will be granted a maximum period of stay up to one year or the period of the contract, whichever is less. The period of stay may be extended subject to respective Parties' domestic laws and regulations.
3. A Party may apply economic needs test or establish numerical limit, regarding stay of Independent Professionals.
4. Each Party reserves the right to confine stay and entry of Independent Professionals if illegal immigration takes place in relation to the sponsorship contract. In case of illegal immigration, the Parties shall endeavor to share the information to the other Party, taking into account its respective applicable laws and regulations.
5. Where applicable, a Party may impose charges as may be levied to Independent Professional of the other Party, in accordance with its domestic laws and regulation, provided that such imposition does not nullify or impair the benefit of the commitments under this Agreement.

Section B: Grant of Temporary Entry for Independent Professionals

Each Party shall grant temporary entry to a professional of the other Party who is seeking to provide services as an independent or sponsored professional in a profession as set out in Appendix 6-B-4, if that natural person otherwise complies with immigration measures applicable to temporary entry, for an initial period of up to one year or the period of the contract, whichever is less, on the presentation of:

- (a) proof of nationality of the other Party;
- (b) documentation demonstrating that he or she will be so engaged and describing the purpose of entry, including the letter of contract from the entity engaging the services of the natural person in the host Party; a

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- (c) documentation demonstrating the attainment of the relevant minimum educational requirements or alternative credentials.