



### Eligibility Fundamentals

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#### References



#### **Statute**

Sections 1115(b) and (c), 1304(c)(2), and 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015



#### **Code of Federal Regulations**

34 C.F.R. 20.81, 200.103, and 200.89(c)

National Certificate of Eligibility (COE) Instructions (OMB Control Number 1810-0662)



#### Guidance

Chapter II of the Non-Regulatory Guidance for the Title I, Part C Education of Migratory Children

### **Objectives**

 Explain the basic requirements of eligibility for the Title 1, Part C, Migrant Education Program

Review recruitment tools

#### **GUIDANCE**

Education of Migratory Children under Title I, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965



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# The Migratory Agricultural Worker or Fisher



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The Migratory Qualifying Worker\* (MQW) must make a Qualifying Move in the preceding 36 months of the eligibility interview.

\*A Migratory Qualifying Worker is a new term that includes a Migratory Agricultural Worker and a Migratory Fisher.

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### The Migratory Qualifying Worker Engaged or Previously Engaged in Qualifying Work

Soon After the Move (within 60 days), the individual engaged in new:

- Seasonal or Temporary;
- Agricultural or Fishing work

### **Engaged or Previously Engaged in Qualifying Work**

### "Seasonal or Temporary"

**Seasonal** – Employment that occurs only during a certain period of the year because of the cycles of nature.









### **Engaged or Previously Engaged in Qualifying Work**

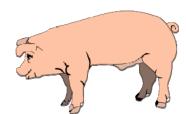
### "Seasonal or **Temporary**"

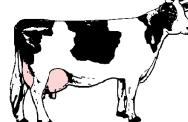
**Temporary** – Employment that lasts for a limited period of time, usually a few months, but no longer than 12 months.

The worker states he/she does not intend to remain in that employment indefinitely.

The <u>employer states</u> that worker was hired for a limited timeframe.





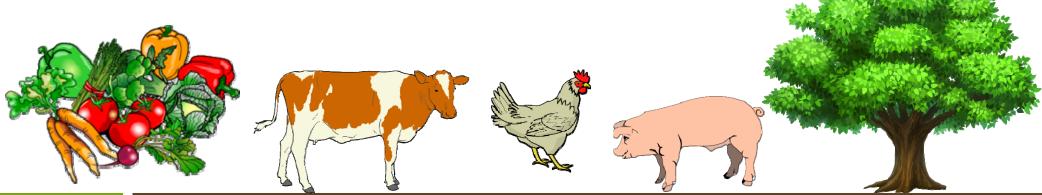




### **Engaged or Previously Engaged in Qualifying Work**

### "Agricultural or Fishing"

Agricultural Work – The production or initial processing of crops, dairy products, poultry, or livestock, and the cultivation, harvesting and initial processing of trees. It consists of work performed for wages or personal subsistence.



### **Engaged or Previously Engaged in Qualifying Work**

### "Agricultural or Fishing"

**Production** – Work on farms, ranches, dairies, orchards, nurseries and greenhouses engaged in the growing and harvesting of crops, plants, or vines and the keeping, grazing, or feeding of livestock.

**Examples of production for crops:** preparing land or greenhouse beds, planting, seeding, watering, fertilizing, staking, pruning, thinning, weeding, transplanting, applying pesticides, harvesting, picking, and gathering.

**Examples of production for poultry and livestock:** herding, handling, feeding, watering, caring for, branding, tagging, and assisting in the raising of livestock.

### **Engaged or Previously Engaged in Qualifying Work**

### "Agricultural or Fishing"

Initial Processing – Work that is beyond the production stage and precedes the transformation of the raw product into something more refined. Means working with the raw product.

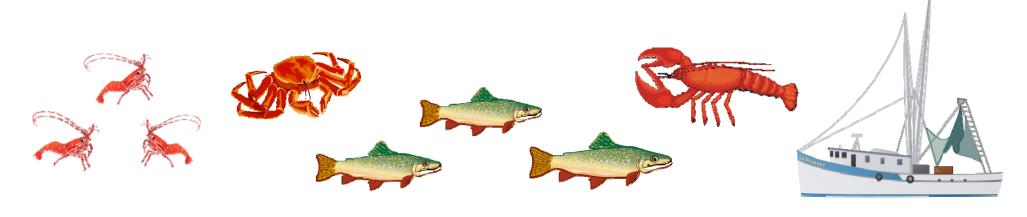
**Examples of initial processing for crops:** cleaning, weighing, cutting, grading, peeling, sorting, freezing, and enclosing raw product in a container.

**Examples of initial processing for poultry and livestock:** stunning, slaughtering, skinning, eviscerating, splitting carcasses, hanging, cutting, trimming, deboning, and enclosing raw product in a container.

### **Engaged or Previously Engaged in Qualifying Work**

### "Agricultural or Fishing"

Fishing Work – The catching or initial processing of fish or shellfish or the raising or harvesting of fish or shellfish at fish farms. It consists of work performed for wages or personal subsistence.



### **Engaged or Previously Engaged in Qualifying Work**

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**Production** – Work on fish farms can be a tract of water, such as a pond, floating net pen, a tank, or a raceway reserved for the raising or harvesting of fish or shellfish.

**Examples of production for fishing:** raising, feeding, grading, collecting, and sorting of fish, removing dead or dying fish from tanks or pens, and constructing nets and cages.

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**Examples of initial processing for fishing:** scaling, cutting, freezing, dressing, and enclosing raw product in a container.

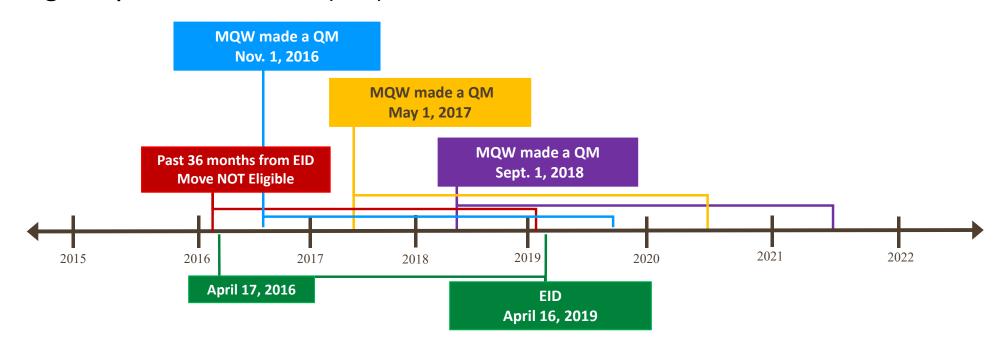
### Other Qualifying Activities

- ▶ **REMINDER**, qualifying activity charts should be updated annually.
- Provide supporting documentation to ID&R Office when identifying new crop/qualifying activities.
  Ex: where, when, type of activities
- Potential new crops may include sod, bees, hemp, and bamboo.\*

\*All eligibility criteria must be met.

#### **Established Worker Date**

To determine the **Established Worker Date (EWD)**, the recruiter must focus on Qualifying Moves (QM) that occurred within the preceding 36 months of the Eligibility Interview Date (EID).



An individual who <u>did not engage</u> in qualifying work soon after a move may still be considered to be a Migratory Qualifying Worker, if soon after the move the individual:

Actively Sought new Qualifying Work

#### <u>AND</u>

▶ Has a Recent History of Moves for Qualifying Work

### **Actively Sought**

- The individual took positive action to seek qualifying work.
- Worker's statement is sufficient to establish that he or she actively sought qualifying work (comment needed).
- No supporting documentation is required beyond the worker's statement and the recruiter's use of the comment section.

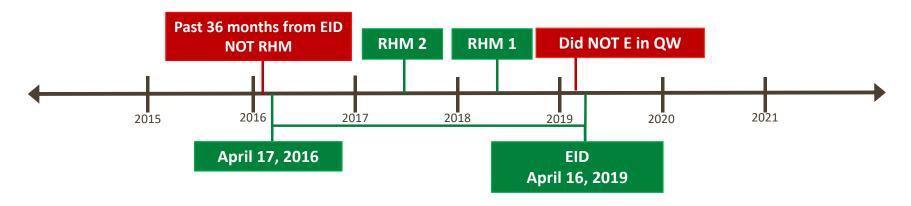
### **Actively Sought –Sample Comments**

"When the worker arrived, he applied for (qualifying work) at (location)."

"Worker moved to the area because he heard from (family/person) that (qualifying work) would be available at (location).

### **Recent History of Moves**

- ▶ Since the word "moves" is plural, at least 2 other separate moves must have been made resulting in the engagement of qualifying work.
- Within 36 months of the eligibility interview date (EID).



### **Recent History of Moves**

- Must be due to economic necessity and from one residence to another residence <u>but not necessarily from one district to</u> <u>another</u>.
- Do not have to be qualifying moves.
- Worker's statement is sufficient basis to establish recent history of moves (comment is needed).

### Recent History of Moves –Sample Comments

"The worker went to Florida to pick strawberries in May of 2017 and May 2018."

"The worker moved to Georgia in July 2016 and picked watermelon. The worker also moved to Maine in July 2017 and raked blueberries."

"The worker picked strawberries in Plant City, FL (residence #1) in April 2017 and also picked squash in Plant City, FL (residence #2) in August 2017."

If one of the RHMs occurs in the same month as EID, please provide the full date using <a href="mailto:mm/dd/yy format">mm/dd/yy format</a>

What two components make a Migratory Qualifying Worker?

**Made a Qualifying Move** 

Due to economic necessity, from one residence to another, and from one school district to another

(within 36 months from EID)

#### **AND**

Engaged in Qualifying Work or Actively Sought Qualifying Work AND

Has a Recent History of Moves

All criteria must be met for the individual to meet the definition a Migratory Qualifying Worker







### Age

Make sure the child/youth is younger than 22 years of age.

0 to under 3 years of age - Eligible for MEP count

3 to under 22 years of age - Eligible for MEP count and funding

### **School Completion**

Make sure the child/youth has:

- Not graduated from high school;
- Not earned a GED.

The child must still be eligible for free & public education in Florida.

The Migratory Child must have made a **Qualifying Move** in the preceding 36 months of the eligibility interview.

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### The Migratory Child's Move

As,
With,
To join or
Precede the
MQW

The Migratory Child moved and <u>is</u> the Migratory Qualifying Worker (MQW)

The Migratory Child moved with a parent/guardian/spouse who is a Migratory Qualifying Worker (MQW)

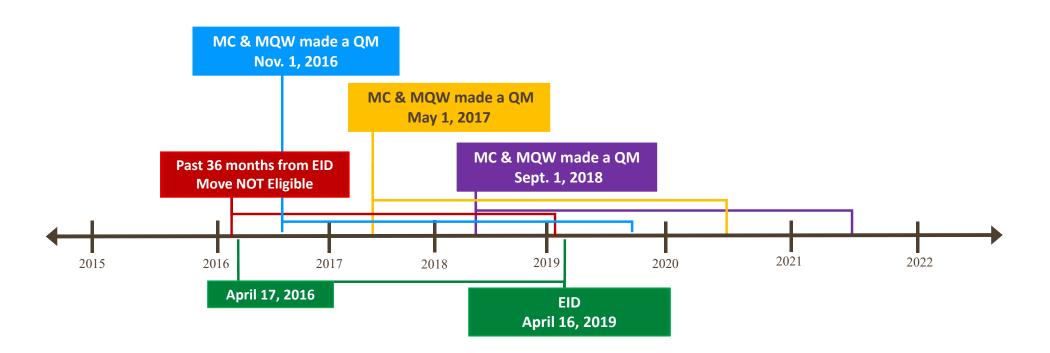
The Migratory Child moved to join or precede a parent/guardian/spouse who is a Migratory Qualifying Worker (MQW)

### The Migratory Child's Move

- ▶ The migratory child's (MC) qualifying move (QM) must have occurred within <u>36 months of the eligibility interview date (EID).</u>
- A child may be identified as a "migratory child" when the child and the worker complete qualifying moves. This is referred as the Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD).
- Once a child is deemed eligible, they are eligible for 36 months from their Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD). \*with exception

### The Migratory Child's Move

To determine a Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD) the recruiter must focus on Qualifying Moves (QM) that occurred within the preceding 36 months of the Eligibility Interview Date (EID).





# What four components make a Migratory Child?

Age (under 22)

**AND** 

School Completion (not graduated HS or obtained GED)

#### **AND**

#### **Made a Qualifying Move**

Due to economic necessity, from one residence to another, and from one school district to another (within 36 months from EID)

#### **AND**

#### Moved AS, WITH, TO JOIN or PRECEDE a MQW

All criteria must be met for the individual to meet the definition of a Migratory Child

# Do you have any questions regarding this material you would like answered?





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