

# Instructions for Form WH-530: Application for a Farm Labor Contractor or Farm Labor Contractor Employee Certificate of Registration

## Registration Requirement Under The Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA)

The Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA) covers such things as safety and health standards for migrant worker housing, transportation safety, disclosing the terms and conditions of employment to migrant and seasonal agricultural workers, properly paying covered workers, and making and keeping accurate payroll records. Generally, the MSPA applies to any person (or business) who recruits, solicits, hires, employs, furnishes, or transports migrant or seasonal agricultural workers (the MSPA refers to these activities as "farm labor contracting activities").

Under MSPA, migrant agricultural workers are those employed in agricultural work of a seasonal or temporary nature who cannot return to their permanent residence at night because of the distance involved. Seasonal agricultural workers also are employed in agricultural work of a seasonal or temporary nature, but who are able to return to their permanent residence at night.

Before performing any "farm labor contracting activities," farm labor contractors must apply to the U.S. Department of Labor for a Certificate of Registration authorizing the applicant to engage in "farm labor contracting activities." Persons employed by farm labor contractors (farm labor contractor employees) to perform such activities on behalf of the contractor must also register with the Department. Application for a Certificate of Registration is made by completing and submitting the required application form (Form WH-530). Form WH-530 can be obtained electronically from this site or by contacting the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division. The form can also be obtained from any local office of the state workforce agency or employment service.

Certain persons and organizations, such as small businesses, are exempt from the Act and are not required to register as a farm labor contractor. In addition, establishments meeting the MSPA definition of an "agricultural association" or "agricultural employer," are not required to register as a farm labor contractor. Contact the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division if you have any

questions as to whether you must register with the U.S. Department of Labor as a farm labor contractor. An instructional and information guide for completing Form WH-530 is attached.

**IMPORTANT: Submitting the application form does not authorize you to engage in farm labor contracting activities. If the application is approved, you will be issued either a Farm Labor Contractor (FLC) or a Farm Labor Contractor Employee (FLCE) Certificate of Registration, at which time you may begin to engage in the authorized activities.**

In addition, depending upon the specific activities you are seeking authorization for (i.e., housing, transporting, or driving covered workers) you may have to submit additional forms/documentation with your application. This additional documentation may consist of one or more of the forms listed below:

- Fingerprint Card, FD-258
- Doctor's Certificate, WH-515
- Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Transportation Requirement, WH-514
- Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Labor Requirement, WH-514a
- Proof of Automobile Liability Insurance
- Workers' Compensation Information or Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Insurance Cancellation Agreement under MSPA
- Housing Occupancy Certificate

Contact the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division (<http://www-test.dol.gov/esa/contacts/whd/america2.htm>) to obtain the forms listed above or if you have questions regarding the necessary documentation.

The Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment Standards Administration administers and enforces the MSPA. For more information contact either the nearest office of State Workforce Agency (or State Employment Service), listed in most telephone directories under State Government, or the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division, listed under U.S. Government, Department of Labor Employment Standards Administration. The federal regulations implementing MSPA appear in 29 CFR Part 500.

**WH-530** Please provide as much of the requested information as possible. Attach additional sheets if you need additional space to respond to a question. If you do not understand a term, or need assistance in the completion of this form, please contact the local Wage and Hour office of the U.S. Department of Labor. After you submit the form, a representative from the Department of Labor may contact you if further information is necessary to initiate an investigation.



NOTE: Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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## Part I -To Be Completed by ALL Applicants

Please read instructions before completing this application. No Farm Labor Contractor (FLC) or Farm Labor Contractor Employee (FLCE) Certificate of Registration may be issued unless a completed form has been received (29 U.S.C. 1801 et. seq.)

<p>1. Application for Certificate of Registration for:</p> <p>Federal                      <input type="checkbox"/> Initial      <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal</p> <p>Consolidated Federal-State      <input type="checkbox"/> Initial      <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal</p> <p>Type of Certificate:              <input type="checkbox"/> FLC          <input type="checkbox"/> FLCE</p>	<p>4. Give Address to Which Notices and Documents Should Be Sent (Address may include a P.O. Box):</p> <p>Street: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____</p>
<p>2. Person Completing Application: <i>(Please Print)</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name (Last)                              (First)                              (Middle)</p> <p>Permanent Place of Residence (Address May Not Be a P.O. Box):</p> <p>Street: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____</p> <p>Telephone Number:                      Social Security Number:</p> <p>(     )                              / / / / - / / / - / / / /</p>	<p>5. Will You Drive a Vehicle to Transport Workers?          (To be completed by an "Individual" applicant)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No      <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      If "Yes," Read Instructions and Complete the Following:</p> <p>Driver's License No.: _____          (Attach copy of license to application)</p> <p>State: _____</p> <p>Date Issued: _____</p> <p>Expiration Date: _____</p> <p>Class: _____ Endorsements: _____</p> <p>Restrictions: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>3. Height: _____ ft. _____ in.      Color of Eyes: _____</p> <p>Sex:      <input type="checkbox"/> Male      <input type="checkbox"/> Female</p> <p>Date of Birth (Mo., Day, Year): _____</p> <p>(a) United States Citizen:      <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No (if No, Go to (b))</p> <p>    If naturalized citizen, give date: _____</p> <p>(b) Alien Registration No.: _____          (Attach copy of card to application)</p> <p>    Expiration Date (If any): _____</p>	<p>6. Have you been convicted within the past 5 years, under State or Federal law, of any of the following crimes?</p> <p>A. Any crime relating to gambling, or to the sale, distribution or possession of alcoholic beverages, in connection with or incident to any farm labor contracting activities.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>B. Any felony involving robbery, bribery, extortion, embezzlement, grand larceny, burglary, arson, violation of narcotics laws, murder, rape, assault with intent to kill, assault which inflicts grievous bodily injury, prostitution, peonage, or smuggling or harboring individuals who have entered the United States illegally.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(If "Yes," to a <b>CONVICTION</b> of any of the above, state crime and give date and place of conviction.) Attach copy of final judgment in the case to the application, if in your possession.</p>

**NOTE.**

**If YOU ARE APPLYING AS A FARM LABOR CONTRACTOR, CONTINUE WITH PART II**

**If YOU ARE APPLYING AS A FARM LABOR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE, SKIP PART II AND GO DIRECTLY TO PART III**  
*(A Farm Labor Contractor Employee is a person who performs farm labor contracting activities solely on behalf of a [specific] Farm Labor Contractor holding a valid Certificate of Registration and is not an independent Farm Labor Contractor who would be required to register under the Act in his/ her own right.)*

**PART II -To Be Completed by Farm Labor Contractor (FLC) Applicant**

7. The Applicant is a/ an: *(Check One)*

- Individual       Corporation       Partnership       Other *(Specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

If a Corporation, Give Legal Name, Address, Telephone Number, Date and State of Incorporation. *(Please Print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant *(Legal Name of Corporation)*      (\_\_\_\_\_)      \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Area Code)*      *(Number)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Street)*      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
*(City)*      *(State)*      *(ZIP Code)*

Date of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Employer Identification No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if None, Enter "None")*

State of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_ State Unemployment Insurance Reporting No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if None, Enter "None")*

8. Check Each Activity to Be Performed Involving Migrant and/ or Seasonal Agricultural Workers for Agriculture Employment:

- Recruit       Hire       Furnish       Transport       Solicit       Employ       Pay

9. Give the Greatest Number of Migrant and/ or Seasonal Agricultural Workers That Will Be in the Crew(s) at Any Time: \_\_\_\_\_

The intended farm labor contracting activities will begin approximately: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Month, Day, Year)*

Describe your method of operation *(Specify crops, agricultural activity, places of employment, location, etc.):*

10. Will You Provide Transportation for Your Workers?

Yes *(Give number, type and seating capacity of vehicles used to transport migrant and seasonal agricultural workers.)*

No *(Explain how workers get to the work site.)*

11. Will You Own or Control Any Facility or Real Property Which Will Be Used by Migrant Agricultural Workers in the Crew(s) at Any Time?

Yes *(Submit statement identifying all housing to be used and proof that such housing meets all applicable Federal and State safety and health standards.)*

No *(Give the name and address of all persons who own or control housing to be used by Migrant Agricultural Workers in the crew.)*

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that compensation is to be received for the intended farm labor contractor services and that all representations made by me in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Applicant's Signature and Title (*if other than individual*)

## Statement of Intention to Comply with Housing Requirements of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act

Section 102(3) of the MSPA requires that an applicant for a certificate of registration with authorization to house migrant agricultural workers shall file a statement identifying each facility or real property to be used by the applicant to house any migrant agricultural worker during the period for which registration is sought. If the facility or real property is or will be owned or controlled by the applicant, such statement shall provide documentation showing that the applicant is in compliance with all substantive Federal and State safety and health standards with respect to each such facility or real property. I hereby declare that I will not house migrant agricultural workers in any facility or real property I own or control until I have submitted all necessary written evidence and have been issued a Certificate of Registration with housing authorized. I understand that I may then house migrant agricultural workers only in facilities or real property which has been authorized by the Secretary of Labor.

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Signature of Applicant

## Authorization of the Secretary of Labor to Accept Legal Process

The following authorization is executed pursuant to Section 102(5) of the *Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act*.

"I do hereby designate and appoint the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, as my lawful agent to accept service of summons in any action against me at any and all times during which I have departed from the jurisdiction in which such action is commenced or otherwise have become unavailable to accept service, and under such terms and conditions as are set by the court in which such action has been commenced."

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Signature of Applicant

**PART III - To Be Completed by Any Applicant for a  
Farm Labor Contractor Employee (FLCE) Certificate of Registration**

<p>12. Employer Identification (Name, Farm Labor Contractor Registration No.):</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Number: C-/ / /- / / / / / /- /- / /- /</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>13. Approximate Date the Planned Farm Labor Activity Will Begin:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Month, Day, Year)</p>
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**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I am an employee of the farm labor contractor identified above and will perform farm labor contracting activities only for that farm labor contractor and for no other farm labor contractor. I certify that all representations made by me in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**Authorization of the Secretary of Labor to Accept Legal Process**

The following authorization is executed pursuant to Section 102(5) of the *Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act*.

"I do hereby designate and appoint the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, as my lawful agent to accept service of summons in any action against me at any and all times during which I have departed from the jurisdiction in which such action is commenced or otherwise have become unavailable to accept service, and under such terms and conditions as are set by the court in which such action has been commenced."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

## Instructional and Information Guide for Applying for a Certificate of Registration

For Further Details, Refer to the Regulations (29 CFR, Part 500) and to the U.S. Department of Labor Publication, "Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act."

**NOTE:** Submission of this application form does not authorize the applicant to engage in farm labor contracting activities. If the application is approved, the applicant will be issued either a **Farm Labor Contractor (FLC) or a Farm Labor Contractor Employee (FLCE) Certificate of Registration.**

**This application is divided into three parts: Part I is to be completed by all applicants and contains general identifying information. Part II is to be completed *only* by applicants applying for a Farm Labor Contractor Certificate of Registration. Part III is to be completed *only* by applicants applying for a Farm Labor Contractor Employee Certificate of Registration.**

**Item 1** - Application for certificate.

**Federal** - Check this block when applying *only* for a Federal Certificate of Registration.

**Consolidated Federal-State** - Check this block when applying for ***both*** a Federal and State Certificate of Registration. ***This option is not available in every State.*** For further information, contact the local Employment Service Office.

If no Farm Labor Contractor or Farm Labor Contractor Employee (whichever is applicable) Certificate of Registration (Form WH-511 or WH-513) has ever been issued to you by the U.S. Department of Labor (even though you previously applied for one), check "initial." If a certificate has been issued to you by the U.S. Department of Labor, check "renewal" and enter the number of the last certificate issued to you. If you are applying for an initial certificate, attach a completed Form FD-258, *Fingerprint Card*, to this application. If applying for a renewal certificate and your last Fingerprint Card is more than three years old, submit another completed Form FD-258.

**Type of Certificate** - Check ***one*** block to indicate whether applying as a Farm Labor Contractor (FLC) or as a Farm Labor Contractor Employee (FLCE).

**Item 2** - Person making application. This item is to identify the person submitting the application regardless of whether they are applying for a certificate in their own name or on behalf of an organization.

**Item 5** - If you drive a motor vehicle to transport migrant or seasonal agricultural workers and you are applying for an initial certificate, submit a completed Form WH-515, *Doctor's Certificate* with this application. If applying for a renewal certificate and your last Doctor's Certificate is more than three years old, submit another completed Form WH-515.

**Item 7** - Operating as an individual or organization. If application is for a Corporation, Partnership, or other organization, each officer, director, partner, or employee who will engage in any of the covered farm labor contracting activities on behalf of the organization must obtain **either a Farm Labor Contractor Certificate of Registration or a Farm Labor Contractor Employee Certificate of Registration** prior to so engaging in farm labor contracting activities.

**Item 8** - For a definition of "employ," see 29 CFR 500.20 (h) (4). All other terms have their common meaning.

**Item 10** - A certificate of registration **Authorizing the Applicant to Transport Migrant Workers** in connection with the applicant's business, activities, or operations as a farm labor contractor shall be issued only after the following have been submitted:

a. **Evidence of compliance** with applicable Federal and State rules and regulations as follows:

All vehicles which the applicant is to provide or arrange to furnish to transport migrant or seasonal agricultural workers must first be inspected and approved each year by a Federal or State inspector or by a responsible garage or mechanic. A completed Form WH-514 or WH-514a, *Vehicle Identification and Mechanical Inspection Report*, must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor each year for each vehicle to be used to transport workers.

b. **Evidence of compliance** with the insurance or financial responsibility requirements of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act and the Regulations issued thereunder, as follows:

A worker's compensation coverage policy of insurance plus a \$50,000 property damage policy **or a Farm Labor Contractor Motor Vehicle Liability Certificate of Insurance** showing the **passenger hazard included** (i.e., workers are covered by liability insurance while being transported) as evidence that the required insurance has been obtained for the protection of persons and their property while being transported.

**Item 11** - A farm contractor is considered an "owner" of migrant agricultural worker facilities or real property if the farm labor contractor has a legal or equitable interest in such facilities or real property. A farm labor contractor is in "control" of facilities or real property when the contractor is in charge of or has the power or authority to oversee, manage, superintend or administer facilities or real property either personally or through an authorized agent or employee acting in any of the aforesaid capacities.

Proof that facilities or real property owned or controlled by a farm labor contractor complies with applicable Federal and State safety and health standards can be satisfied by one of the following:

1. A certification issued by a State or local health authority or other appropriate agency, or
2. A dated and signed written request for the inspection of a facility or real property made to the appropriate State or local agency at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which it is to be occupied by migrant agricultural workers.

**Item 12** - Section 101 (b) of the Act requires that a person issued a Farm Labor Contractor Employee Certificate of Registration be an employee of a person holding a valid Farm Labor Contractor Certificate of Registration. The employer identification should be in the name in which your employer's Farm Labor Contractor Certificate was issued. If no certificate has been issued but your employer has applied, enter "applied" and the date in the space provided for the registration number.



### **Applies ONLY to Part II Applicants:**

**Statement of Intention to Comply with Housing Requirements.** Any applicant for a Farm Labor Contractor Certificate or Registration who answers "yes" in item 11 must attest that they will not house migrant agricultural workers in any facility or real property under their ownership or control until all necessary written evidence has been submitted and a certificate of registration **Authorizing the Applicant to House Migrant Workers** has been issued.

### **Applies to BOTH Part II and Part III Applicants:**

**Certification.** This application must be signed by you before a Certificate of Registration will be issued. The completed application and related forms and documents should be submitted to any local employment service office or other designated office in the State.

**Authorization to Accept Legal Process.** Each applicant for a Certificate of Registration, in addition to all other requirements, must sign the statement authorizing the Secretary of Labor to accept legal service of summons in any action against the applicant when such applicant is unavailable to accept summons, or has departed from the jurisdiction of the court in which such action is commenced.

## **Important - Privacy Act Statement**

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that the Department of Labor provide the following statements with respect to this form:

1. Submission of this information is required under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act.
2. The purpose of this form is to provide the Department of Labor with sufficient information to determine the qualifications of the applicant for the requested certificate to serve as a Farm Labor Contractor employee.
3. Information from this form may be used in the course of presenting evidence to a court or administrative tribunal or in the course of settlement negotiations.
4. Failure to provide the information precludes the issuance of necessary documents required under the law. Your social security number is used for identification purposes; its submission is authorized by title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 500.

## **Public Burden Statement**

We estimate that it will take an average of 30 minutes to complete this collection of information, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, send them to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210. **DO NOT SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO THIS OFFICE.**