

**\*Explanatory Note:** Prior to the implementation in 2007 of the Employment Permits Act 2006, a scheme was operated whereby persons were authorised to work in specific sectors of the economy without the need for an employer specific permission. This Scheme was the Work Authorisation/Working Visa Scheme and was in operation from June 2000 to 31 December 2006. The Work Authorisation/Working Visa scheme was evidenced by a sticker in the passport setting out the sector to which employment was restricted. While no new stickers were issued after the scheme expired those already in the system were renewed as required. Individuals who hold a Work Authorisation/Working Visa under the Scheme would hold Immigration Stamp 4 and these would have been renewed on a 2 year basis.