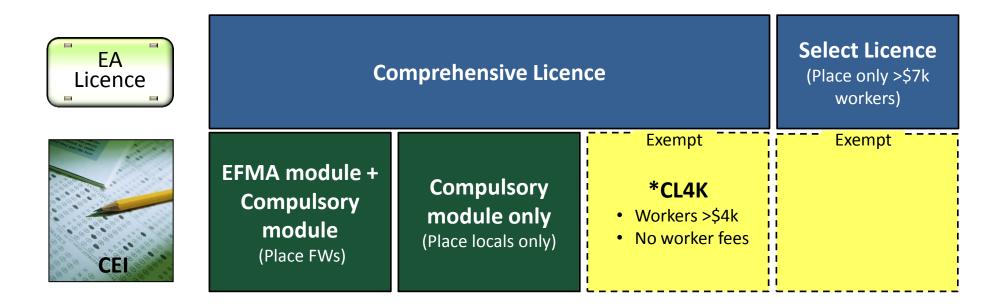


Enhancements to EA Licensing Framework

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^{*}CL4K refers to EAs that had applied for exemption from CEI, and meets the criteria to only place workers earning more than \$4000 monthly salary, does not collect fees from workers, and has no adverse records with MOM



Key changes following consultations with stake-holders

- 1. Modular system to make CEI more relevant to industry
- 2. Differentiated CEI test and requirement based on licence types
- 3. Select Licence under enhanced framework: For EAs placing only workers earning >\$4,500/m



- CEI ensures EA personnel are familiar with regulations pertaining to the employment/placement of workers
- Currently, only one CEI option available for EAs placing foreigners
- Modular test system with standalone FDW module will better cater to EA needs
 - ❖ Allows us to better equip FDW placing EAs
 - Inclusion of KAH module to ensure that key appointment holders understand their responsibilities

Current CEI

CEI (local)
For EAs that place locals only

CEI For EAs that place foreigners

Modular CEI

General Module (For all EAs)

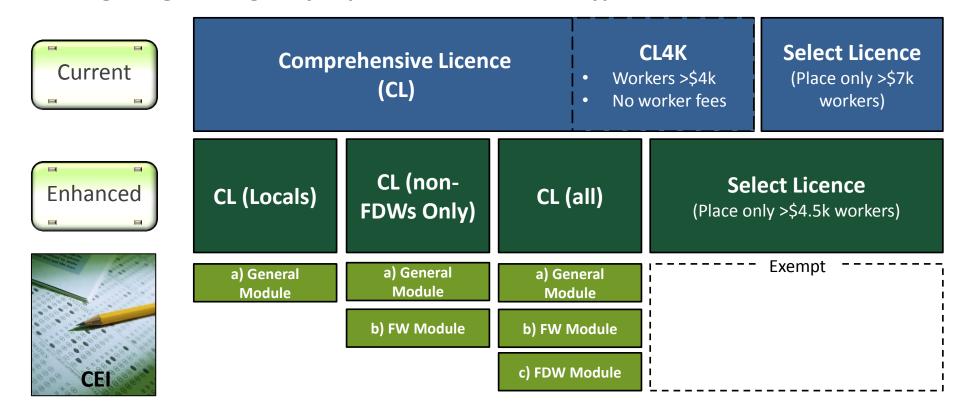
FW Module (For EAs that only place FWs)

FDW Module (For EAs that place FDWs)

KAH Module



- **❖** Issue different comprehensive licenses based on type of CEI taken
 - ❖ Total 3 comprehensive licences + 1 Select Licence
- **Clear signaling that eligibility to place workers is tied to type of CEI taken**



TOWARDS A TRUSTED & CITIZEN-CENTRIC MOM



- Threshold originally set conservatively at P1 threshold (> \$7k)
 - ❖ Admin concession through CL4K
- **Lower threshold of > \$4.5k, aligned with Employment Act**
- **Changes to take effect from 1 June 2016**



One-time conversion exercise for Existing EAs with CL4K licence

- Administrative conversion of licence (choose new CL or Select)
- No change to licence expiry date and no additional fees
- ❖All CL4K EAs will receive email info-kit by 18 March 2016
- EAs to reply to MOM by 31 May 2016
- *EAs converting to new CL must ask existing EAPs & KAHs to attain relevant CEI by Dec 2016





- *Existing EAs with comprehensive licence (CL) will not be affected by this one-time exercise.
- ❖CL EAs who wish to change to any of the 3 CLs under the enhanced framework may do so via LicenceOne (formerly known as OBLS) from 1 June 2016



Comprehensive Licence

*CL4k

- Workers >\$4k
- No worker fees

Select Licence

Place only >\$7k



Comprehensive Licence

Select Licence

(Place only >\$4.5k workers)



- *Existing EAs holding Select licences will not be affected by this one-time exercise
- ❖ Can place workers with salary >\$4,500/m from 1 June 2016



Timeline

