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EPFO makes further changes in application form for Certificate of Coverage

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Background

- The EPFO had revised the application form for Certificate of Coverage (CoC) applicable to all Indian passport holders going to work in countries with which India has entered into or will enter into a Social Security Agreement (SSA) . The EPFO had also subsequently launched a new application software and discontinued physical application for CoC.
- The EPFO has now issued a circular incorporating certain changes in the CoC application form.

Changes in the application form

- The revised COC application form requires the following additional information:
 - Details of family members accompanying the employee abroad (including the name of the individual, date of birth and relation with the employee) and
 - Business activity (industry/ trade services) of present employer in India and overseas entity.

Comments

- While the intention of this change in the application form is not specified by EPFO, this may lead to some questions in cases where the family members plan to travel separately. If the family details are not indicated in the CoC and the family travels separately, it is not clear whether there is a need to update the application.
- It is expected that the online application will shortly reflect these changes, and the EPFO will issue a revised user manual which will reflect these changes.

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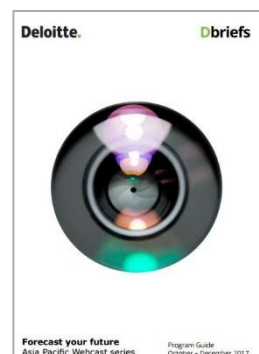
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