

SRI LANKA (Colombo)

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: No
Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 0
Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes
Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: Yes

As no reciprocal agreement exists, spouses and dependants of Canada-based staff can only find paid employment in the diplomatic service and with CIDA.

There is a limited possibility of employment as a qualified teacher at the Overseas Children's School. This affords an occupation while not offering a very significant income. Apart from this possibility, there is virtually no opportunity for paid employment for spouses although there is scope for work with charitable organizations on a voluntary basis.

THAILAND (Bangkok)

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: No
Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 1
Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes
Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No

Although the Canadian government is currently engaged in discussions with Thai officials, no reciprocal employment agreement exists. The difficulty of Thai, especially in its written form, prohibits future job opportunities.

There are some jobs available as teachers in expatriate schools, with CIDA, and in the Embassy environment.

EASTERN EUROPE: GENERAL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

While Canada has no reciprocal employment agreements with the countries of Eastern Europe and the opportunities for working on the local economy are non-existent, nonetheless, the possibility of obtaining employment is as high, if not higher, than in Western Europe. All of the Eastern European posts have a Community Coordinator; four (Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and Yugoslavia) have Registered Nurses on contract at the Canadian Embassy and several have openings for Registered Nurses within the foreign embassy community; all of the posts indicate that teaching and non-teaching positions in the international schools are often available. Foreign embassies sometimes hire clerical and secretarial staff and there are occasional openings with international business firms. In addition, there are many opportunities to establish one's self in an independent field such as teaching English or French in the international community. Fluency in the local language enhances the prospects for employment but is not necessary for most of the positions listed above.