

Career Progression

After a probationary period — currently one year — if you have demonstrated the ability to effectively represent Canada abroad, you will be confirmed as a Foreign Service Officer. From this point promotions will be based on assessments of your work performance, a minimum number of years at each level, and the availability of positions at the next level. Opportunities exist at each

level to expand your experience and develop your skills. Foreign Service Officers may also seek cross-stream assignments to broaden their knowledge and may take secondments to gain experience outside External Affairs and International Trade Canada.

If you are seeking a unique career and can assume the responsibilities that accompany the rewards, you should consider the Canadian Foreign Service.

