

As it is extremely expensive to hire and equip expatriate staff in Lagos, spouses who are already covered through their husband's/wife's social benefits are usually able to find work.

Potential employers are from a wide spectrum and, therefore, a list would not give an accurate picture of the Lagos job market. A few opportunities, principally secretarial and clerical, are available in diplomatic missions including our own. The international schools often employ qualified teachers in part-time and substitute teaching positions.

SENEGAL (Dakar)

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: No

A permit is required to obtain employment in Senegal. Employment opportunities are limited to those in categories such as physician, teacher, nurse, etc. At one time it was possible to obtain secretarial work with international organizations, embassies, or business offices although the salaries were less than in Canada. This is becoming increasingly difficult however.

Potential Employers

Cegir Inc.
UNESCO
International School of Dakar
International Nursery School of Dakar
Institut Sénégal-Britannique
U.S. A.I.D.
C.R.D.I. (Centre de Recherches pour le Dev. Int'l.)
Bureau C.A.T. Coopération Canadien

SOUTH AFRICA (Pretoria)

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: No

Employment opportunities for spouses in South Africa are practically non-existent even for those who possess professional or technical skills which are in high demand such as some fields of medicine. Further, if the spouse is not bilingual in English and Afrikaans, the position would not likely be available.

Only in the most exceptional cases will the Department of Foreign Affairs recommend that a necessary work permit be issued. In those rare cases when a permit is granted, the employee is required to waive diplomatic immunity in all matters relating to his/her employment. Such a situation would not be acceptable