

tion. The term "international organization" is defined as a public international organization in which the United States participates pursuant to any treaty or under the authority of any Act of Congress authorizing such participation.

Permission to work may be requested for dependants of Canadians employed at the Consulates who hold A-1 or A-2 visas. The proper documentation must be submitted to the State Department through the Canadian Embassy in Washington. An offer of employment is first required. The processing of the request for Permission to Work takes six to eight weeks. A Social Security Number is required for employment and is useful for other purposes as well. It can be obtained in Ottawa before going to the post or at the local office of Health and Human Services upon arrival. It should be noted that it is the responsibility of the applicant to apply for a Social Security Number upon receipt of the State Department's Permission to Work, and to honour all income and state taxes as applicable.

Employment would not mean the loss of diplomatic immunity for the spouse of a diplomat. However, spouses of foreign service consular personnel lose their consular immunity upon accepting employment. The State Department will not authorize employment unless the spouse signs a declaration to the effect that he/she fully understands that, by the granting of authorization to engage in employment, he/she no longer enjoys consular immunity and is thus subject to all municipal, state and federal laws, excluding income tax and local state tax laws.

Through a special arrangement with the United States, spouses accompanying an employee posted there can claim unemployment insurance benefits as if they were still in Canada. Should you wish to enquire about this, contact the Unemployment Insurance Commission Office in Belleville, which deals with such claims. Address: 228 Dundas St., Belleville, Ontario, K8N 5C1. Tel. (613) 969-3550.

The opportunities for employment in the United States are about the same as they are in Canada. They largely depend upon one's qualifications, experience, and job-hunting skills. Dependant teenage children should have little or no difficulty in finding part-time jobs in fast food outlets and sales.

While comments are made only for the larger consulates and the Embassy in Washington, there are also Canadian consular and other offices in Orlando, San Juan, Miami, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Dayton, Pittsburg, Houston, Warren, El Segundo, San Diego, Princeton, Denver, Santa Clara, and Philadelphia. The same regulatory constraints and requirements apply throughout the United States.

Atlanta

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