

American Embassy  
International School of Islamabad  
The British School  
École Française d'Islamabad  
Belgian Embassy

### **PHILIPPINES (Manila)**

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

The Philippines has a relatively good educational system which graduates annually more professionally and technically well-qualified persons than the economy can absorb. As a result, there is a labour surplus in most occupational areas and competition for every opening is intense.

Although work experience and qualifications obtained in North America are generally recognized, local working conditions and salaries are not likely to be attractive to a Canadian spouse. Teaching and library work are about the only reasonable possibilities for employment. The expatriate schools pay anywhere from C\$500-\$1,000 per month, depending on the school. Another alternative would be to qualify in advance for a job with one of the international organizations located in Manila such as ADB, UNDP, UNICEF, and WHO.

At present there are no positions available at the Canadian Embassy; however, there may be some positions available with CIDA due to decentralization. These positions will be advertised as soon as they become known and all qualified Canadians will be given the opportunity to compete for them.

Most positions available with private companies are filled by locally trained Philipinos although the occasional consultant or business management position does become available to well-trained/qualified foreigners.

A reciprocal employment agreement exists but does not mean much in practical terms.

#### **Potential Employers**

A. Soriano Corporation  
WHO  
Australian Embassy  
International School  
Peninsular Hotel  
Ayala Corporation  
Asian Development Bank  
The Bank of Nova Scotia  
Makati Medial Centre  
The British School