

Potential Employers

A.E.S. Data (UK) Ltd.
Stikeman Elliott & Associates
Royal Bank of Canada
Lévesque Beaubien Inc.
Ranger Oil (UK)
Canadian Pacific Bulkshop Services Ltd.

DENMARK (Copenhagen)

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: Yes
Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 2
Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes
Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No

As a Reciprocal Employment Agreement exists, spouses are permitted to seek employment in Denmark. Once a firm offer is obtained, the Embassy requests official permission from the Protocol Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The only restrictions are those of having Danish professional qualifications and state security.

However, permission to seek a job does not mean success at obtaining one. In fact, employment opportunities for Canadian spouses are severely limited because most jobs require a fluency in Danish. The pressure to hire only Danes is strong in Copenhagen businesses and organizations because of the high unemployment rate and other factors. Salaries are good should one be fortunate enough to find a job.

Over the last few years the mission has provided employment to security-cleared Canadian spouses as registry clerks on a part-time basis. It is also possible to work as a secretary or preventative healthcare specialist in the European Regional Office of the World Health Organization, provided the prospective employee speaks two of the four WHO languages (English, French, German, and Russian). Shorthand skills are required for secretarial jobs.

Occasionally one can find a foreign language secretarial position or specialist function in a large Danish corporation or bank. There is a small turnover of teaching staff at the Copenhagen International Junior School but very little opportunity elsewhere in the international school system.

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Chase-Manhattan Bank
Rygaards School
F.L. Smidth & Co. A/S Inc.
Novo Industri A/S
Peat-Marwick Mitchell & Co.
Danish Red Cross