
FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

PROFESSIONAL PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

This Program is aimed at employees who need to have an advanced level of proficiency to fulfil their duties abroad.

Professional Proficiency language training generally starts at the beginning of September and consists of six hours of classroom instruction per day plus one hour of self-learning activities, five days a week, for a duration of 32 weeks to two years depending on the level of difficulty of the language.

Objectives:

- develop advanced speaking, listening, reading and in some languages also writing skills (ILR level3);
- respond effectively to the requirements of professional life;
- represent successfully the interests of Canada;
- analyse and understand political, economic and social developments within the host country;
- establish contacts with the local population;
- gain knowledge and understanding of another culture and learn to appreciate its uniqueness;
- promote international effectiveness.

Languages offered:

- Arabic
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Mandarin
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish

Population: Canada-based staff

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

This is a part-time Program (2 hours/week) and is offered in 2 sessions, from mid-September until December and from January to the end of March of the following year.

Training takes place during working hours at the L.B.Pearson building.

Objectives:

- these courses are designed to help maintain proficiency and improve existing knowledge in a foreign language.

Courses are given at the following levels:

- elementary (some knowledge is a pre-requisite)
- intermediate
- advanced

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