

(8) Foreign-Language Training Premium

Provision has been made in the Foreign Service Directives (FSD-59) for employees who are required to use a foreign language continuously in the performance of their duties to receive an allowance.

A separate and distinct examination process is required. The Posting Briefing Centre administers and approves application for this premium in accordance with the directive.

Application for an FSD-59 premium cannot be made by employees who do not use the foreign language in the performance of their duties or who have attained a basic knowledge level only.

(9) Conclusion

Foreign-language training is considered, by this Department, as an essential tool to facilitate individual adjustment to the foreign environment and the work of employees in the field. Language programs are being organized by the Posting Briefing Centre in consultation with assignment officers to meet the needs of employees and spouses.

If you are being posted, discuss your foreign-language training needs with your assignment officer and consult with the Posting Briefing Centre.