

As previously mentioned, upon your return to Ottawa, it is mandatory for you to have medical examinations. ABMH will make appointments for you and your family to have these examinations done.

Dependants Re-entering The Canadian Work Force

The search for employment begins all over again for many dependants once they return to Canada. Before leaving the mission there are a few things that can be done in advance. Write to potential employers explaining that you are moving to Ottawa and that you will contact them upon your arrival about job possibilities. Missions with a Social Affairs presence will possess up-to-date information about job openings in Canada and dependants are entitled to tap the material on hand. Services of Canada Employment Centres are available on return.

If you are subject to professional or licensing requirements as a condition of employment, you should reconfirm your eligibility at least three or four months prior to departure.

The classified sections of the *Ottawa Citizen* or *Le Droit* and the Careers Supplement in the *Globe and Mail* will give you some idea of the supply and demand in the current job market. Most of the positions that attract your attention may not be available by the time you return to Canada. However, if you start sending out your resume about a month before arrival and explain your circumstances to the prospective employer, there is a fair chance you will be invited to attend an interview. Prior to your return, make sure you contact the Spousal Employment Counsellors located in The Posting Centre (ABMH).

Education

If you have children, you should consult the *Education Report - Ottawa/Hull* and, if necessary, the *Special Education Report - Ottawa/Hull Area* before your departure from the mission. Copies of these reports should be available at your Mission. If not, do not hesitate to contact The Posting Centre (ABMH). The Education Counsellor will answer your general or specific questions, and will assist you in your search for the most appropriate school.

Lycée Claudel

A child of a career foreign service employee enrolled in the French Lycée system abroad may be entitled to attend a Lycée in Ottawa/Hull at the Crown's expense under FSD 33. When a rotational employee is posted to Ottawa, tuition fees at Lycée Claudel might, under certain conditions, be paid by the Department (on request) for children who are in at least Grade 1 or the equivalent. This allowance is taxable. The differences between the French and Canadian school systems make the transfer from one system to the other difficult and therefore justify the financial help provided by the Department. To check if you are entitled to such reimbursement and for information on how to apply, contact the Education Counsellor.

Admission of Non-Canadian Dependants

Canadian citizens and, with rare exceptions, permanent residents of Canada (landed immigrants) have a right to return to Canada. Your dependants who do not fall within these categories will need a visa if they wish to reside in Canada. Check with the responsible Social Affairs officer and allow ample time to meet visa issuance requirements.