

SALARY AND BENEFITS

The starting salary for a Foreign Service Officer (FS-1) is \$32 945. The Government of Canada also has health, dental and pension benefits for all employees and their families.

In addition to their usual salary, officers assigned abroad receive a premium for service abroad, a cost of living and/or hardship allowance where applicable, and supplemental vacation leave with the payment of some travel costs. Officers also receive a moving allowance for shipping their personal effects. At most posts, officers may rent government-leased and furnished accommodation. The government pays most of the education costs for children overseas and seeks to provide equivalent-to-Canada medical care.

FOREIGN SERVICE SPECIALTIES

Foreign Service Officers work in a variety of specialties, which are described on the enclosed inserts:

- Management and Consular Affairs
- The Trade Commissioner Service
- Political and Economic Affairs
- The International Service—Citizenship and Immigration

Details of how to get more information on these specialties and on the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Employment Equity Program are provided on two additional inserts:

- A Diverse Foreign Service
- Where to Get More Information

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