

## 1.1 NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

After much anticipation, the day has finally come for your assignment officer to inform you where and when you are to be posted. (The timing of your departure may be several months in the future). It is a good idea to examine that post from all the original points of view. You might:

- Review the Post Report\* and Post Educational Facilities Report\*
- Get information from the local Consulate or Embassy of the country in which the post is located
- Talk to someone who has served at that post
- Scan the FSDs, check which ones apply and to what extent

At this stage, you should be identifying the main areas of personal concern about your posting. Some typical questions which come up are:

What kind of accommodation will I occupy?

What personal effects should I take with me? What should I dispose of or leave behind?

Will I need a car to get around?

Where will my children be attending school?

Will my spouse be able to work?

What are the health conditions and recreational opportunities like at the post?

Will I take any leave en route or after my arrival?

What happens if an emergency comes up while I'm overseas?

How much money will I need to see me through removal?

Try to ponder these and other questions as best you can from the information already at your disposal. Take note of any points which arise that you will want to clarify during later briefings or appointments with the responsible section in headquarters.