

In New York City spouses have generally had very little difficulty in finding employment. Opportunities here are considered better than in any other city in the United States, due to the large number of diplomatic missions, foreign consulates, and international organizations.

Spouses of foreign diplomatic personnel may obtain employment authorization from the United States Mission to the United Nations, while spouses of consular personnel must refer such requests to the Canadian Embassy in Washington which will relay the request to the State Department. In both instances, the request should be submitted in writing and should include a letter from the prospective employer stating that the candidate for employment meets all existing criteria for employment in that particular profession or occupation. The Consulate's Administration Section will assist spouses in obtaining the required authority. Where the employment is with a diplomatic mission, foreign consulate, or international organization, this procedure is not required.

San Francisco

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: Yes
Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 0
Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes
Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No

Seattle

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: Yes
Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 1
Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes
Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No

At the present time the employment situation in the Seattle area is very competitive as unemployment is higher than in other areas of the United States. However, there are thousands of employment opportunities for qualified individuals. It is impossible to provide a list of potential employers as each spouse's qualifications, experience, and expectations are different.

Washington

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: Yes
Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 25
Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes
Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No

Special thought should be given to teenagers who might seek summer employment because the processing of applications for permission to work tends to be slow. Dependants who are unsure of their employability should seek the advice of the Embassy Administrative Section.

It is not difficult to obtain work in the D.C. metropolitan area. Chances are fairly good for those wishing to obtain an office position at the Embassy. Office