

# FRANCE

## *Canada-France Young Workers Exchange Program*

### WHAT IS IT?

*This program provides Canadian workers with the possibility of improving their professional skills while undertaking a period of training in France.*

Trainees are not admitted to France unless the appropriate authorities are satisfied that the remuneration offered meets the prevailing rate in France for the occupation and locale. Authorities will also want to ensure that the terms of employment are respected.

Trainees enjoy the same treatment as French nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

### HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

Generally, authorization for training is granted for a maximum of one year. In certain cases, and on an individual basis, the training period may be extended up to 18 months.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible, candidates must:

- be Canadian citizens;
- be graduates of a university or equivalent institution, or have a post-secondary diploma or certificate from an institute of technology or equivalent educational institution;
- have some working experience directly related to their academic degree or diploma;

- undertake their period of training in their own profession or trade;
- be 18 to 35 years of age;
- be in good health; and
- have a working knowledge of French. (If the first language is not French, a certificate or letter of reference from a language teacher must accompany the application.)

### HOW DO I APPLY?

The applicant must obtain a written offer of employment from a prospective employer in France or any of its territories. It must state the terms of employment (i.e., type of occupation, duration, wages, hours of work, and other benefits).

Successful applicants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and for travel costs.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## *Association Québec-France*

### WHAT IS IT?

*L'Association Québec-France and L'Association France-Québec, sponsored by both the Quebec and the French governments, offer cultural exchanges in three separate areas.*