



LIVING ABROAD

If you are moving abroad for work, find out what rights you have under your destination country's employment law. Let your tax office know if you are moving abroad, and if you are claiming benefits, talk to your Jobcentre Plus office, Jobcentre or social security office.

Even if you are going abroad as an employee for a UK-based firm, you may not have the same employment rights as if you were working in the UK. Requirements for working hours, annual holidays and public holidays can vary.

If you are moving abroad for work ask yourselves the following questions:

- Do you and your family need work permits, resident permits or visas for the country? In some countries you may be required to register with the local British embassy or consulate once you have moved there
- Is the salary enough, taking into account the cost of living?
- What are the chances of promotion and salary increases?
- What currency will you be paid in?
- If you are going abroad for a firm in the UK, will the employer pay you any allowances and are there any schemes to help if you wish to return to the UK, and does it have any support schemes for a partner or children travelling with you?
- Are there any arrangements for temporary accommodation when you first move?
- If you have a property to sell in the UK, will your employer be allowing you any time to return to the UK to sign documents and finalise a move abroad?
- If your job ends and you wish to stay in the country you have been working in, what permits would you and your family require and what are the chances of finding a new job there?

QUALIFICATIONS

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As a national of a European Economic Area (EEA) or European Union (EU) country, you have the right to work in any other member state, without the need of a work permit. You will also have the same rights as nationals of your destination country in working conditions, pay and social security matters.

Not all qualifications are recognised across the EU and EEA, and some professions have employment restrictions. You will be able to check your qualifications against occupation information sheets produced by EU member states, which will allow you to see if your UK qualification is acceptable. Language skills and fluency levels may also be an issue when seeking work.

MORE INFORMATION

Information is available from the European Commission about moving to another European Union country, getting your qualifications recognised, successful job-seeking, paying taxes and your rights - check the Your Europe website for details. Help is also available from EURES, which is a network of employment advisers throughout the EU.

- European Economic Area (EEA) ([external link](#))
- Your Europe - working in another EU country ([external link](#))
- Information from the European Commission and links to job adverts in European newspapers ([external link](#))
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