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Working Holiday Programs (WHP)

AUSTRALIA

WHAT IS IT?

The program allows young Canadians to visit Australia for a maximum of 12 months and to supplement their funds by taking temporary employment.

Work may be part- or full-time.

However, the main purpose of the visit should be to holiday and travel.

Participants are not permitted to remain with any one employer for more than three months. They also may not enrol in a course of studies while in Australia, other than a short-term English language training course.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Visas are valid for 12 months from the date of issue, and allow for a total stay of 12 months from the date of entry into Australia.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must be:

- 18 to 25 years of age (there is no student status requirement);
- a Canadian citizen; and
- in possession of a valid passport.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

For an application form, send a request by letter (not fax) to the Australian High Commission. Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with \$1.00 postage.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Australian High Commission

50 O'Connor Street, Suite 710

Ottawa, Ontario

K1P 6L2

Tel. (613) 236-0841

Fax (613) 236-4376

Web site <www.immi.gov.au/allforms/temp-whm.htm>

BELGIUM

Agence Québec/Wallonie- Bruxelles pour la jeunesse (AQWBJ)

WHAT IS IT?

AQWBJ is an agency for international co-operation between Belgium and Québec. It offers young people an opportunity to expand their knowledge and apply it in an international setting.

Training is available in economic and cultural development, environment, communications, and science and technology. Agency specialists will help you to choose the right kind of course and to prepare your proposal. Whatever the field of study or activity, AQWBJ will provide supervision throughout the training.

INTERNSHIPS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

FEATURES:

- preliminary investigation, research, information gathering (group or individual);
- co-operation;
- on-the-job training;
- professional and social immersion; and invitations to special events,
- conferences, conventions and festivals.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Most of the courses last two weeks.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the program, you must

- be 18 to 30 (in some cases 35) years of age;
- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada; and have lived in Québec for at least the past year.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Participants must cover between \$250 and \$425 of the program costs. The Agency supplies Montréal-Brussels return airfare, medical and hospital insurance, and a per diem of \$40 for up to 14 days. This represents three quarters of the costs of the trip.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Agence Québec/Wallonie-Bruxelles
pour la jeunesse (AQWBJ)
1441 René-Lévesque Boulevard West,
Suite 301
Montréal, Québec
H3G 1T7
Tel. (514) 873-4355
Fax (514) 873-1538

FRANCE

Association Québec–France

WHAT IS IT?

The Association Québec–France and the Association France–Québec, sponsored by the governments of Québec and France, offer two types of cultural exchange:

- Grape harvest in France: A work permit is issued to some 200 young Québec residents for harvest work. Food and lodging are provided in most cases.
- Summer employment: Municipal governments in France and Québec exchange students for summer work. Monitors are exchanged for summer camps and holiday camps. In general, food and lodging are not provided.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Grape harvest: Permits are for 8 to 10 days between September 5 and October 15.

Summer employment: Exchanges are for six to eight weeks in July and August.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To participate, you must be:

- 18 to 30 years of age (18 to 35 for grape harvest);
- a resident of Québec;
- a member of the Association (\$25 membership fee); and
- a student.

There is also a \$20 registration fee.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Registration runs from mid-January to the end of March. Depending on the program selected, there may be an amount payable for an orientation session and one night's accommodation in Paris.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Association Québec–France
Association Québec France
9 Place Royale
Québec, Québec
G1K 4G2

Tel. (418) 643-1616

Fax (418) 643-3053

E-mail <assquefr@quebectel.com>

*Office franco-québécois
pour la jeunesse (OFQJ)
Youth Employment Mobility*

WHAT IS IT?

In 1982, the governments of France and Québec agreed to create a youth employment exchange program. The program aims to promote ties between France and Québec, to enable young people to fully integrate into a society, and to provide a career training experience for them.

HOW LONG IS IT?

The minimum stay is 6 months; the maximum is 12 months.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be 18 to 35 years of age;
- be a permanent resident of Canada;
- have lived in Québec for at least the past year; and
- not have taken part in the program before.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

For the Youth Employment Mobility program, applicants must submit a job contract signed by a French employer on a special form provided by the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité, Direction de la Population et des Migrations (France). The following requirements must be met:

- The contract must be for a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 months.
- The job must provide career training.
- It must be a full-time job (39 hours per week).
- The stipulated remuneration must equal the going rate for the type of work concerned and must be no less than the guaranteed minimum wage, apart from commission work.
- Wage and working conditions must comply with existing collective agreements or labour standards legislation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse
1441 René-Lévesque Boulevard West,
Suite 301

Montréal, Québec

H3G 1T7

Tel. (514) 873-4255 or 1-800-465-4255

Fax (514) 873-0067

E-mail <ofqj@cam.org>

Web site <www.ofqj.qc.ca>

GERMANY

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

The program enables college and university students to expand their travel experience by working in Germany. Work does not have to be study-related.

Participants receive the same treatment as German nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

HOW LONG IS IT?

The normal working holiday exchange is up to three months.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must be:

- 18 to 30 years of age;
- a Canadian citizen;
- enrolled at a post-secondary institution; and
- able to demonstrate a working knowledge of German.

You must also have a written job offer from an employer in Germany before leaving Canada. Among other things, the offer must state the name of the company, its location, the type of job, the period for which you will be employed, the salary you will receive, the number of working hours per week, and welfare benefits if any. The German Embassy and consulates in Canada can help you with your search.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Students are responsible for their own travelling costs and expenses in Germany. In some cases, board and lodging are provided by the employer.

Visa applications must be made to the German Embassy or consular missions in Canada.

Candidates may also apply through the StudentWork Abroad Program (SWAP).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Ms. Regina Mittner

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

1 Waverley Street

Ottawa, Ontario

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Tel. (613) 232-1101

Fax (613) 594-9330

Web site

<www.GermanEmbassyOttawa.org>

Consular offices:

77 Admiral Road

Toronto, Ontario

M5R 2L4

Tel. (416) 925-2813/2814/2815

Fax (416) 925-2818

Marathon Building, 41st floor
1250 René-Lévesque Boulevard West

Montréal, Québec

H3B 4W8

Tel. (514)931-2277

Fax (514)931-7239

World Trade Centre

999 Canada Place, Suite 704

Vancouver, British Columbia

V6C 3E1

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Fax (604) 684-8334



*Canadian Association of
University Teachers of German
(CAUTG)*

WHAT IS IT?

CAUTG offers a program that enables Canadian students to improve their knowledge of German by working and travelling in Germany during their summer holidays. Job opportunities include positions in the hotel and restaurant industry.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible you must be:

- 18 to 30 years of age;
- a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- able to demonstrate a working knowledge of German (at least one year of study at the university level or the equivalent); and
- enrolled in a Canadian post-secondary institution that has membership in CAUTG.

Applicants must not have previously participated in this program. (Students who have participated as Freiburg DAAD award recipients are eligible.)

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Students interested in the program must register by November 30. A non-refundable registration fee is required.

In some cases, participants' round-trip fare and room and board in Frankfurt, Germany, may be subsidized.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

**Canadian Association of University
Teachers of German**

Department of Germanic and
Slavic Studies

Brock University

St. Catharines, Ontario

L2S 3A1

Tel. (905) 688-5550, ext. 3312

Web site

castle.uvic.ca/german/cautg/index.html

Information is also available from all Canadian universities, colleges and CEGEPs with a German department.

IRELAND

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

The program enables young Canadians (students and non-students) to work in Ireland.

HOW LONG IS IT?

The maximum stay is twelve months. The work permit cannot be extended under this program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be 18 to 30 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- possess a valid passport and sufficient funds to cover the costs of your stay in Ireland; and
- have a written job offer from an Irish employer. (Among other things, the offer must confirm entitlement to the usual collective agreement benefits.)

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

As the program is year-round, candidates should apply for the work permit at least three months before their planned departure date. Work permit applications must be obtained by employers from the Department of Enterprises and Employment in Ireland.

Candidates without a specific job offer may apply through the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP). See Part 3 of the directory.

Canadians working in Ireland are not covered by the country's national health insurance plan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Embassy of Ireland

130 Albert Street, Suite 1105
Ottawa, Ontario
K1P 5G4
Tel. (613) 233-6281
Fax (613) 233-5835

JAPAN

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

This program enables young Canadians to visit Japan for an extended holiday and to take temporary employment as needed to cover their travel expenses. The program aims to promote appreciation of Japanese culture and Japanese-Canadian understanding.

Most participants find employment teaching English. Qualified participants with teaching experience may find jobs as language instructors in language schools or companies. There is also a demand for French language teachers, but participants must have good English skills.

HOW LONG IS IT?

The Japanese working holiday visa is issued for an initial six months and may be extended for another six months while in Japan.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be 18 to 30 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen residing in Canada;
- possess a valid passport and a roundtrip airplane ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket; and
- have enough money to cover your expenses, including possible medical expenses, during the initial period of your stay in Japan.

There is no student status requirement.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

As the program is year-round, candidates should apply at least eight weeks before their planned departure date. Visa applications must be made to a diplomatic or consular mission of the Government of Japan in Canada.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Embassy of Japan

255 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 9E6
Tel. (613) 241-8541
Fax (613) 241-7415
Web site <www.embjapan.can.org>

Consular offices:

Toronto-Dominion Bank Tower,
Suite 2702
P.O. Box 10
Toronto-Dominion Centre
Toronto, Ontario
M5K 1A1
Tel. (416) 363-7038
Fax (416) 367-9392

600 de la Gauchetière Street West,
Suite 2120
Montréal, Québec
H3B 4L8
Tel. (514) 866-3429
Fax (514) 395-6000

2480 Manulife Place
10180-101 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3S4
Tel. (403) 422-3752
Fax (403) 424-1635

1177 Hastings Street West,
Suite 900
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6E 2K9
Tel. (604) 684-5868
Fax (604) 684-6939

NETHERLANDS

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

The program is designed for Canadian students who wish to work in the Netherlands.

It targets the following employment sectors:

- industry
- commerce
- science and technology
- tourism
- agriculture and horticulture

Only applicants wishing to work in agriculture or horticulture receive assistance in finding a job. Placement services are available only to students in a university program (either full-time or part-time) in agriculture or horticulture, or graduates from such a program or an equivalent college program.

The Stichting Uitwisseling (agency for youth exchange and agricultural study tours) in the Netherlands will co-ordinate the placement of experienced agricultural/horticultural workers at suitable farms and companies. The type of work depends on the season and on the qualifications and preferences of the participants, so a detailed résumé is required. Once a host family has been found, the participant is contacted for approval.

Participants placed by the Stichting Uitwisseling agency earn approximately 125 florins per week (consult a financial institution, a foreign exchange agent or a newspaper for the current exchange rate) and receive free room and board.

Participants who find employment in the agricultural/horticultural sector on their own may accept whatever wage is offered.

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

HOW LONG IS IT?

Participants are eligible for a four-month work permit. This cannot be extended unless it can be proven that the work performed is directly relevant to the student's field of study. The restrictions and regulations of the Young Workers Program will then be applied automatically.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be 18 to 30 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant; and
- be enrolled (either full-time or part-time) at a university, college, institute of technology or equivalent educational institution, or have graduated from such an institution within the last year. (A copy of your diploma or a certificate from the institution attended is required.)

In addition, you must meet one of the following three conditions:

- you must have a written job offer from a prospective employer in the Netherlands stating the type of work, the period for which you will be employed, the salary you will receive, the number of working hours per week, and welfare benefits; OR
- you must have relatives or friends in the Netherlands who can assist in finding a job and can provide accommodation (a letter from the sponsor is required); OR
- you must provide proof of sufficient funds for the period of your stay.

An adequate knowledge of the Dutch or English language is essential in order to find a job.

Participants are responsible for finding jobs themselves. They must make their own arrangements for their visit, and must cover all their expenses (travel, room and board, etc.). No financial assistance is available.

Students may also apply through the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP). See Part 3 of the directory.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Ms. Rosemieke van de Meerendonk

Stichting Uitwisseling

24 Goulding Crescent

Kanata, Ontario

K2K 2N9

Tel. (613) 599-6316

Fax (613) 599-9397

Web site <www.uitwisseling.nl>

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

For an agricultural/horticultural placement, application should be made at least six weeks before the planned departure date. If you have a job offer, you must apply at least two weeks before the departure date.



NEW ZEALAND

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

This program allows young Canadians to holiday in New Zealand and to take temporary employment as needed to cover the expenses of their visit. The program aims to increase travel by young people between Canada and New Zealand, and to strengthen the links between the two countries.

Participants receive the same treatment as New Zealand nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Eligible participants may stay up to 12 months.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must be:

- 18 to 30 years of age;
- a Canadian citizen;
- able to satisfy the visa officer that the primary intention is to holiday in New Zealand, rather than to find employment; and
- in possession of a round-trip airplane ticket and sufficient funds to cover your living expenses during the first six months of your stay in New Zealand.

There is no student status requirement.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Participants must themselves cover the costs of their travel, room and board. This is a year-round program. Visa applications must be made to a diplomatic or consular mission of the Government of New Zealand in Canada. Candidates may also apply through the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP). See Part 3 of the directory.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

New Zealand High Commission

Metropolitan House

99 Bank Street, Suite 727

Ottawa, Ontario

K1P 6G3

Tel. (613) 238-5991

Fax (613) 238-5707

Web site

<www.nzhcottawa.org/index.html>

Consular offices:

888 Dunsmuir Street, Suite 1200

Vancouver, British Columbia

V6C 3K4

Tel. (604) 684-7388

Fax (604) 684-7333

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

To promote understanding, closer ties and co-operation in the cultural field, this program allows young Canadians to visit Korea for an extended holiday and to cover their travel expenses through temporary employment.

HOW LONG IS IT?

The working holiday visa is valid for an initial six months and may be extended for another six months in Korea.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be 18 to 25 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen residing in Canada at the time of application;
- possess a valid passport and a round-trip ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket; and
- have enough money to cover your expenses, including possible medical expenses, during the initial period of your stay in Korea.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Embassy of the Republic of Korea

150 Boteler Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 5A6
Tel. (613) 244-5010
Fax (613) 244-5034

Consular offices:

1000 Sherbrooke Street West,
Suite 1710
Montréal, Québec
H3A 3G4
Tel. (514) 845-3243
Fax (514) 845-8517

555 Avenue Road
Toronto, Ontario
M4V 2J7
Tel. (416) 920-3809
Fax (416) 924-7305

1066 Hastings Street West,
Suite 830
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6E 3X1
Tel. (604) 681-9581
Fax (604) 681-4864

SWEDEN

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

This program allows students and non-students to expand their travel experience by living and working in Sweden.

HOW LONG IS IT?

The working permit is valid for up to 12 months. Employment is not limited to only one employer, place or particular field. Working permits can only be issued from the Swedish Embassy in Ottawa or a Swedish Consulate in Canada.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be 18 to 30 years of age;
- possess a valid Canadian passport; and
- have an adequate knowledge of Swedish or English.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Applications must be submitted in person at least six weeks before the intended date of arrival in Sweden.

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements. If you are not covered by an international insurance plan for medical and hospital expenses, you must join a group insurance plan or take out individual insurance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Embassy of Sweden
Mercury Court
377 Dalhousie Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 9N8
Tel. (613) 241-8553
Fax (613) 241-2277

Consular offices:

2 Bloor Street West,
Suite 1504
Toronto, Ontario
M4W 3E2
Tel. (416) 963-8768
Fax (416) 923-8809

1100-1188 East Georgia Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6E 4A2
Tel. (604) 683-5838
Fax (604) 687-8237

UNITED KINGDOM

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

This program enables young Canadians (students and non-students) to visit the United Kingdom for an extended period and to take temporary employment as needed to cover their travel expenses. The program does not allow Canadians to obtain a work permit for a specific job.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Canadian citizens can remain up to two years. Jobs usually are available in shops, offices, pubs, and restaurants or hotels.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible, you must be:

- 17 to 27 years of age;
- a citizen of a Commonwealth country;
- able to demonstrate a good working knowledge of English; and
- in possession of a valid passport and sufficient funds to visit the United Kingdom.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

This is a year-round program. Candidates should apply at least eight weeks before their planned departure date. Visa applications must be made to a diplomatic or consular mission of the United Kingdom in Canada. Candidates may also apply through the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP). See Part 3 of the directory.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

**British High Commission
Immigration Section**

80 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Tel. (613) 237-2008
Fax (613) 232-2533

Consular offices:

1000 de La Gauchetière Street West,
Suite 4200
Montréal, Québec
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Tel. (514) 866-5863
Fax (514) 866-0202

777 Bay Street, Suite 1910
College Park
Toronto, Ontario
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