

# Look up before you leap

Working abroad is an exciting prospect, but can also be fraught with unexpected situations. Doing research ahead of time can help make the transition process run a lot smoother.

## DFAIT Consular Affairs <http://www.voyage.gc.ca/>

A great starting point by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), this site's home page contains "Country Travel Reports" which you'll find from the left

menu. The "Publications" link also provides detailed and practical information from a variety of countries. Scroll down the Publications page and select "Working Abroad: Unravelling the Maze."

## Industry Canada <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca>

Industry Canada also provides country information but its focus is on business and trade. To round out your business and market research, try clicking on "Trade and Investment" and "International Market Research and Country Commercial Guides."

## The U.S. State Department <http://www.state.gov/>

Choose "Business Center" from the menu bar at the top of the page and look for "Country Reports for 2001" at the right of the page. Although the perspective is that of an American business, there is useful information. Go back to the home page and select on "Country Background Notes" from the hypertext. This will link you to current information on other countries. Check the pages for Canada to get a sense of what type of data is contained here.

## Canada Work info net <http://www.workinfonet.ca/>

A virtual library, sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada, provides information on career and employment opportunities. For students, looking to work or volunteer abroad, there's a wealth of information to be had by clicking on "Jobs, Work and Recruiting" and select "Working Abroad."

## Canadian Council of Professional Engineers <http://www.ccpe.ca/ccpe.cfm>

This page gives an overview of efforts by the International Affairs Committee of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers. You can also access other organizations from the left menu under "Affiliations and Links."

*Quick tip: News items such as these can disappear very quickly. For ongoing research from a variety of sources, use the phrases "professional qualifications" combined with "mutual recognition" and "engineers" on your search engine.*

*Reference Department of the University of Toronto's Engineering and Computer Science Library*



## Professional Engineers Ontario

Invites applications for the position of:

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/REGISTRAR

Interested in making a significant impact with a prestigious regulatory body/professional association?

Reporting to the Council of PEO, the CEO/Registrar will lead and inspire this dynamic organization through the change necessary to meet future challenges and opportunities.

If you are a P.Eng. and have a solid track record as a chief executive, change agent and team builder, then this could be your next career move.

As CEO/Registrar, you will need a broad cluster of competencies: *senior general management, strategic planning, operational and administrative, change management, team building, and regulatory/compliance.*

Ideally, you have already led an organization through significant change - directing it to a new level of professional management with a foundation in *knowledge-based decision-making* supported by performance measurements.

As a leader, you adopt different styles for different circumstances and as a team builder, you are consultative, motivating and focused.

This position offers a three-year renewable contract with compensation commensurate with experience. If interested, please submit your resume by November 29, 2002 to:

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Only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.