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Job Possibilities for Young Swiss Abroad

Almost everywhere in the world economic conditions have worsened. Even Switzerland was not spared this development. Nevertheless the figure of unemployment is still very low with 0,5%. It is not surprising therefore that many young Swiss abroad are seriously thinking of returning to their country of origin.

This desire is understandable. It is important, however, to view the situation in Switzerland in all its complexity. First those young Swiss abroad who have no Swiss job training have to be made aware of the fact that knowledge of several languages can be decisive for most jobs in Switzerland. Those who do not speak and understand one or, even better, two of the national languages in Switzerland have almost no chance to be employed. It should not be overlooked either that job training or studies in a foreign country are often considered as

being not equivalent to a Swiss education.

Judging job possibilities it soon becomes obvious that the low unemployment rate is not the whole truth. Whereas certain branches of our economy still suffer from lack of personnel, there are only very limited job possibilities in other fields. Many industrial firms and the primary sector of our economy (agriculture and wood processing industry) are shedding part of their work force. Services on the other hand, in particular banks and insurances, still hire people.

There are no really secure jobs – experience proves it. There are, however, fields which still offer good opportunities, among them the hotel industry (cooks, waiters), hospitals (nurses), many craftsmen's trades, as well as jobs in future-oriented fields (programmers, computer analysts). The Swiss Federal Railways and

the Swiss Post Office also offer good job opportunities. For many other professions, however, the future is dark. This is the case for watchmakers, most academic professions, in particular in the humanities, social and natural sciences, for teachers, most office jobs as well as many professions in the industrial field. Difficulties exist furthermore in fields which offer only few apprenticeships a year as well as for jobs which happen to be «in» at a given moment, like forest warden and goldsmith right now.

Swiss abroad are in so far handicapped in their search for a job as they know the job market less well. If they have job experience, however, know the national languages and have additional qualifications they do stand a realistic chance.

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job, because potential employers do not want to hire someone simply based on a curriculum vitae. Rather they would like to meet their future employee personally to form their judgement.

The Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad can therefore only direct the job hunting countrymen to the professional organisation in question. Most professional organisations have their own registry with open jobs and their own journal. The addresses of those organisations are most often unknown to the Swiss abroad. It is here that the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad can help. Moreover, it can advise job hunters who are willing to return to Switzerland on the outlook for different professions and on the educational requirements for certain jobs.

Jörg Kistler

Holidays in Switzerland for Swiss Children Abroad during Summer 1983



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