

WORKING ABROAD – ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

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The Cold War has finished long time ago; the iron curtains blocking Russia from the world are finally taken off. Russia as a country has moved to a new level of development becoming more competitive from the geopolitical point of view and therefore has become a country giving and promising a great number of opportunities but not for everyone.

The economy is booming and prosperity is spreading but up to half of all workers still live in poverty; there are still some certain difficulties in the society and being more precise these difficulties mainly concern the progressive part of its population, while it often happens when «having all you have nothing».

“Russian minds” were always very lucrative by its potential and looking back we will trace periods actually not very good for the country when our “brainpower” has simply run abroad looking for a better life.

Work abroad proceeds successfully in many countries. But on the whole Russian people prefer to work in the USA and Canada. The matter is that the USA and Canada have a great influence on different countries in the world. And the heads of such states as the USA and Canada take care of prosperity of their countries and improvement of their inhabitants' lives. A high salary, good conditions of work and other factors favour attracting of people who live in other countries to immigrate to the USA and Canada and looking for a job there.

It is also very profitable for these states to attract Russian people to work on their territory, because it is known that there are a lot of people in Russia who have good knowledge, skills and habits in different fields of science, techniques, culture and so on.

Nowadays everything seems to be much easier and if you speak a foreign language and have a university degree in some sphere – doors of the other countries are open for you. Is it really so easy as it looks like at the first glance? Nowadays it's quite prestige and profitable in Russia to work abroad. It is connected with difficulties in economical, political and social life of society. A lot of its inhabitants go abroad in order to provide not only themselves, but their families too. But work abroad has both positive and negative sides. In all and exclusively in everything there are its merits and demerits; its advantages and disadvantages.

But let's look at this problem from different angles: you are young, well educated and very challenging and after pondering on it, after having some work experience in Russian companies you finally arrive to a conclusion that not everything makes you happy.

At the beginning they want to take as much as possible, squeezing you till the last drop – you make all and help everyone only because you are a newcomer, only because you are just a recent student who knows nothing as they presume.

Then you are tuning yourself to this crazy “office rhythm” becoming a part of a company's life and you are eager to grow and develop. You show your knowledge, initiative and desire while working but there is no result. You still have the same salary; you are still on the same level of your “career staircase” however you are one level lower in your self-esteem

One day awaken from a dream you think – “Do I deserve all this?”; “Why not to try to find something abroad?” But exactly at the same moment you are full of doubts ... five minutes passes and you are surfing the net, reading all relevant links, finding out all

employment requirements, main T and C of employment agreement, vacancies' database, demands and actually all that you need to know.

And again that sounds a good idea and seems to be easy – all you need is a valid pass, translated and certified by the notary; your diploma, startup capital (so that you could fly and survive during the first three months living in another country); you need to collect all papers in need, get all recommendations available and go to a corresponding tourist company bringing all mentioned above in your hands.

And we shall all agree that there you will be told about “beautiful” sides of the other life and I would strongly recommend you to ask about the disadvantages... while no one will describe you something being absolutely not attractive.

And believe you are pretty sure to find much of the “unattractiveness” irrespectively of where you are. Taking up a decision of going abroad in order to earn money you make a decision that totally transforms your life.

Everything there will be strange to you and at first it may seem attractive (but only at the beginning). There are the same people with the same problems but you will be there like a person non grata with the corresponding attitude whereas on the surface it will look like in a different way.

For instance in the States – everybody will smile to you on the street having no reason to do it and you will think “what a friendly and sociable nation” or in Germany - vice versa - all will be sad and short-spoken and you will think “what a boring nation” and so on and so forth... The British are naturally polite and are never tired in saying "Thank you", "I'm sorry", "Beg your pardon". If you follow anyone who is entering a building or a room, he will hold a door open for you.

The second problem is an official registration of visas and moving to the other countries. It is connected with wasting of not only time, but also a big sum of money. But this problem can be solved by the company which suggests you a job abroad.

The main problem is a place for living. If you'd like to get a job as a governess or a nurse, you will live in your employer's house with his family. A lot of foreigners have to rent a house or to live in the hotel, but it is also wasting of money. The employer, who is interested in your skills, can solve this problem by giving you a place for living, at least, for some time.

Now let's reverse the argument – you are dead set on going and full of energy to start a new way – then make it and do not stop while everything further will depend only on you.

While in comparison with Russians those from abroad are ready to appreciate people and their results according to the merits. Such concept as “connections” exists in every world but not every one follows it and takes as a priority while choosing the staff. It will more often harm than assist you.

They are ready to estimate knowledge, abilities, creativity and all other merits of you while they understand that developing each employed person of their own staff and contributing to his growing they make investments in the future of their company.

So what is the point we are trying to make clear in saying all this – believe in yourself, try and you will find, knock and the door will be opened....the best way to start is to find an international company running business in Russia and try to find a position there.

Working abroad would be a good experience and the best chance to understand how foreigners think, in which direction they run, which estimations they give and you certainly get the point of who are they.