

# REFUGEE WORKS

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

## Resources for Refugees with Skilled and Professional Backgrounds

### **BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS**

#### **A Match Made in Philadelphia (The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians)**

This website connects highly skilled immigrant workers with the employers who need them.

<http://tinyurl.com/mvzl2d>

#### **Refugee Individual Development Accounts (Institute for Social and Economic Development)**

This is a technical assistance project for IDA program clients who are recruiting low-income refugee savers to provide financial literacy training and coach clients as they save money for homes, cars and new business.

<http://www.ised.us/projects/refugee-ida>

### **CREDENTIAL EVALUATION**

#### **Credential Evaluation (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers)**

AACRAO, the national professional organization for admissions and credential evaluation, provides detailed information on the entire process. The organization also offers its own credential evaluation service.

<http://www.aacrao.org/international/foreignEdCred.cfm>

#### **Licensing Information Website for Illinois Professions (Upwardly Global)**

This website helps immigrant professionals understand the licensing process for 10 careers regulated in Illinois.

<http://www.careersfornewamericans.org>

#### **National Conference on Refugee Professional Recertification Networking Site (RefugeeWorks)**

Participants from the refugee professional recertification conference established this networking site, where recertification conference presentations have been posted and the discussion continues.

<http://recertification.ning.com>

#### **Occupational Licensure Requirements (U.S. Department of Labor)**

The Employment and Training Administration's Licensed Occupations website provides detailed information for various professional licenses, state by state.

<http://tinyurl.com/3dlwfd>

#### **World Education Services**

WES provides more than 50,000 evaluations each year that are accepted by thousands of academic institutions, employers, licensing and certification boards and government agencies in the U.S. and Canada.

<https://www.wes.org>

### **ENGINEERING, GREEN JOBS, IT**

#### **Engineering and Science Career Network**

This site links association job boards, bringing candidates and recruiters together in an expanded employment network.

<http://engineeringandsciencecareernetwork.com>

#### **Green Pathways Out of Poverty: Workforce Development Initiatives (Green for All)**

This link provides questions and answers for organizations interested in developing green workforce training programs.

<http://tinyurl.com/m583f9>

#### **Green Jobs for Refugees (RefugeeWorks Employment Quarterly Newsletter No. 28)**

This *RefugeeWorks* Newsletter analyses job opportunities for refugees in the green-collar economy.

[http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews\\_26.pdf](http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_26.pdf)

#### **Green Jobs Guidebook (Environmental Defense Fund)**

This guidebook provides information on 45 job types for high school grads (many paying more than \$25 per hour), job training and placement programs and listings of valuable apprenticeship programs.

<http://www.edf.org/article.cfm?contentID=8466>

#### **Opportunities for Refugee Engineers (RefugeeWorks Guide No. 1)**

*RefugeeWorks* has released a guide for foreign-trained engineers seeking to practice their profession in the U.S.

<http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/RefugeeWorksEngineeringGuide.pdf>

## HEALTHCARE CAREERS

### Healthcare Hotspots (RefugeeWorks Employment Quarterly Newsletter No. 25)

This *RefugeeWorks* Newsletter analyses job opportunities for refugees in the healthcare fields.

[http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews\\_25.pdf](http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_25.pdf)

### International Healthcare Workers Assistance (Welcome Back Initiative )

The WBI is an international healthcare workers assistance center. It serves as an information and resource center for people who have received their formal education and training in a health field outside of the U.S.

<http://welcomebackinitiative.org>

### Recertification Fact Sheets (U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement)

ORR has produced three fact sheets on the recertification of refugee professionals.

<http://tinyurl.com/lyfyhk>

## JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

### CareerOneStop's Acinet Website (U.S. Department of Labor)

<http://www.acinet.org>

### Local Employment Dynamics (U.S. Census Bureau)

[http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/led/doc/LEDonepaper111408\\_hh\\_jw.pdf](http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/led/doc/LEDonepaper111408_hh_jw.pdf)

### Occupational Outlook Handbook (U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco>

## MENTORING PROGRAMS

### Mentoring Partnership of the Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council

This site overviews a collaboration between community organizations and corporate partners that brings skilled immigrants together with established professionals, in job-specific mentoring relationships.

<http://www.thementoringpartnership.com>

### Peer Resources (The National Registry of Certified Peer Trainers and Training Consultants)

This site offers a directory of mentoring programs with descriptions of how they work and who to contact.

<http://www.mentors.ca>

### Social Networking and Peer Mentoring (RefugeeWorks Employment Quarterly Newsletter No. 26)

This *RefugeeWorks* Newsletter highlights promising networking practices and peer mentoring programs.

[http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews\\_26.pdf](http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_26.pdf)

## TEACHING CAREERS

### Becoming a Teacher in Pennsylvania (The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians)

This guide includes a job description, prospects, salary ranges, employers and the certification processes needed.

<http://welcomingcenter.org/documents/TeacherGuide.pdf>

### Individual Development Accounts (Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis)

This website is a comprehensive guide to help those interested in IDAs—practitioners, researchers and policy analysts.

<http://tinyurl.com/nobcy4>

### National Center for Alternative Certification

The National Center for Alternative Certification is a one-stop, comprehensive clearinghouse for information about alternative routes to certification in the United States.

<http://www.teach-now.org>

### National Clearinghouse on Paraeducator Resources

This education information clearinghouse provides a forum to further the discussion, on how to bring talented paraeducators into the ranks of our nation's teaching force.

<http://tinyurl.com/lot8ru>

### Opportunities for Refugee Teachers (RefugeeWorks Guide No. 2)

RefugeeWorks has released a guide for foreign-trained engineers seeking to practice their profession in the U.S.

<http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/RefugeeWorksTeachersGuide.pdf>

### Teachers-Teachers.com

This job search engine is designed to save instructors time and money as they search for great jobs in education.

<http://www.teachers-teachers.com>

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