



About Peacekeeping

Peacekeeping is a calling that demands both personal dedication and sacrifice. Service in the cause of peace offers real opportunities to help peoples and countries recover from conflict, rebuild their societies, and enjoy the benefits of peace.

United Nations peace operations offer opportunities to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Working and living conditions in the field vary. If you serve in a peacekeeping or political mission, or in a humanitarian field operation, the country or region that you work and live in is likely to be emerging from conflict or an emergency situation where the conditions are more arduous; the infrastructure is weak and electricity and clean water are often in short supply. In addition, most peacekeeping, political or humanitarian missions are categorized as "non-family" duty stations, and therefore family members are unable to join the staff member at the relevant location.



Legal Affairs

The Legal Affairs Occupational Group belongs to the Legal Job Network. Legal Officers provide advice on all legal aspects involving the Mission, including its mandate and operational activities; international and national laws; administration of justice, institutional and electoral issues; human rights; administrative, personnel, financial and procurement matters; interpretation and application of UN regulations and rules; UN privileges and immunities and the legal status of the Mission and its members; Host Country relations (including Status-of-Forces and Status-of-Mission Agreements) and third-party claims.



Nature of our Work

Legal Officers provide advice on diverse legal issues; draft and negotiate contracts, agreements, institutional and operational modalities; prepare legal submissions and other legal documents; establish, liaise and maintain working relations with officials (ministries, authorities and agencies); liaise with other UN agencies, funds and programmes, as well as regional and sub-regional actors and organizations and with the diplomatic community in the Mission area; and serve on Mission boards, committees and working groups.



Working in the Field

United Nations peacekeeping and political missions have evolved over time to respond to different conflicts and changing political landscapes. Civilian peacekeepers work as administrators and engineers, police officers and legal experts, economists and electoral observers, specialists in civil affairs and gender, as well as experts in information technology and public information among other specialized functions. International positions have two categories, Professional and Higher and Field Service, which are distinguished by levels of responsibility as well as education and work experience requirements.



Gender

The United Nations fosters gender equality and encourages applications from suitably qualified and experienced women across the full range of career opportunities particularly in the more "non-traditional" field careers such as Aviation, Logistics or Engineering.



Education

An advanced university degree in law with a specialization in international, administrative, commercial and/or criminal law is required. A first level university degree in law with a relevant combination of academic qualifications and experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Relevant working experience in the legal department of a government, an international organization, a government and/or a law firm is required, as well as fluency in English, French or another UN language.



Related Careers

There are various career opportunities related to Legal Affairs, such as the following:

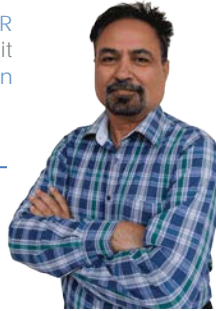
- **Ombudsman**
- **Registrar**
- **Witness Protection**
- **Jurists**



Helpful Links

- careers.un.org
- inspira.un.org
- hr.un.org
- point.un.org

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Present

Officer-in-Charge, Legal Affairs Unit, UNAMA, Kabul

2013

Legal Adviser to the Police Commissioner, UNIMTL, Dili

2011

Legal Officer, UNMIK, Pristina

2010

Legal Officer, UNAMA, Kabul

2004

Judicial Affairs Officer, UNMIL, Monrovia

2003

Contract Management Officer, UNMIK

2002

Legal Officer/Counsel, UNMIK, Pristina



Global Workforce

Over time, the United Nations has increased its presence in locations all over the world. There are over 130 field offices, which include peacekeeping and political missions and humanitarian field operations, and they play an essential role in identifying, highlighting, and responding to emerging challenges. While the work may vary greatly, the one unifying factor is the opportunity to make a difference, both in the world and in your own life. Together with its partners, the UN is tasked with a variety of responsibilities, such as providing and coordinating humanitarian assistance; promoting and protecting human rights; promoting the wise stewardship of the global environment; assisting countries to combat the supply of illicit drugs, crime and corruption and; providing information on the Organization and its activities in the various locations in which it operates.

Missions Directed by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations*



UN Field Careers

Before you navigate through the existing job opportunities available online, we strongly advise that you read carefully the description of each current UN operation through the links to the mission website.

Please apply for the positions that best match your expertise, qualifications, experience and aspirations. The necessary education background/training, experience and skills to perform a specific job are explained in the qualification section of each vacancy announcement.

If you are interested in working for Peacekeeping Operations, please send your resume to Outreachforpeace@un.org and write "WRUD4P" in the subject line of your email.

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** political mission

Disclaimer: due to the mobile and dynamic nature of field careers, profilees may not necessarily feature in their current positions.

What are you doing for peace?

Field Personnel Division,
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Working for the United Nations has enabled me to have a meaningful and rewarding global career.



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