

If you like to travel and experience other cultures, being a diplomat might be suitable for you. Diplomats are representing the country's government overseas or at world institutions, such as the United Nations, WHO, and others; as well as providing consular service in the defence and advantage of both countries involved. One can be described as the frontier of the country's safety and wellbeing. They can be assigned anywhere in the world including within the country (at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), embassies, consulates general in various countries in the world, and can also be placed in offices of regional and international organizations.



## Character: ES



**Enterprising (Persuader)** – occupations frequently involve starting up and carrying out projects. These occupations can involve leading people and making many decisions. Sometimes they require risk taking and often deal with business.



**Social (Helper)** – occupations frequently involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They often deal with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery. Many of the occupations require working outside, and do not involve a lot of paperwork or working closely with others.

### Expertise

- **Speak different languages** – mastering foreign languages to be able to communicate in one or more foreign languages.
- **Negotiation** – performing debate and argumentative dialogue in a political context, using negotiation techniques specific to political contexts in order to obtain the desired goal, ensure compromise, and maintain cooperative relations.
- **Intercultural awareness** – showing sensibility towards cultural differences by taking actions which facilitate positive interaction between international organisations, between groups or individuals of different cultures, and to promote integration in a community.
- **Assess risk factors** – determining the influence of economical, political and cultural risk factors and additional issues.

### Day-to-Day Tasks

- Represent their country abroad
- Protect the interests of the state and the government, citizens and legal entities
- Negotiate for and on behalf of the national interest
- Promote and build networks to advance relations between the two countries / parties
- Report on the implementation of duties and observations in the political, security, economic, social and cultural fields

### Work Setting

- Constant contact with others (face-to-face, by telephone, email, or otherwise)
- Extremely important to work with others in a group or team.
- Extremely important to coordinate or lead others

### Knowledge

- **Diplomatic principles** – practices of facilitating agreements or international treaties with other countries by conducting negotiations and attempting to protect the interests of the home government, as well as facilitating compromise.
- **Foreign affairs** – the operations of a foreign affairs department in a government or public organisation and its regulations.
- **Government representation** – the legal and public representation methods and procedures of the government during trial cases or for communication purposes, and the specific aspects of the governmental bodies being represented in order to ensure accurate representation.

### Education

- To be qualified as diplomat, you have to at least finish:
- Bachelor Degree in International Relations, Law, Political Science, Economic / Development Economics, Literature (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Arabic, English, French, German, Russian), or Communication
  - Master Degree in International Relations

Here are some universities that offers Master Degree in International Relations:

- Magister Ilmu Hubungan Internasional (M.Si), Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia
- Magister Ilmu Hubungan Internasional (M.Si), Universitas Parahyangan, Indonesia
- Communication Science: Political Communication (MSc), University of Amsterdam, Netherland

After passing the CPNS (Calon Pegawai Negeri Sipil) selection, one has to complete the following trainings & education:

- Sekolah Dasar Luar Negeri (SEKDILU) for four to six months. Intended for prospective diplomats who have passed the entrance examination.
- Sekolah Staf Luar Negeri (SESDILU) for four months. Intended for diplomats who have returned from first deployment abroad.
- Sekolah Pimpinan Luar Negeri (SESPARLU) for four months. Intended for a diplomat who has completed two placements.

### Award

- Diplomat of the Year Award by Diplomat Magazine