

# Employment in the United States

Searching for a job is one of the first things you will do upon your arrival in the United States. Early employment is essential to survival. Your resettlement agency may help you, but you are your own best resource.

## Some good places to look for a job are:



Your local resettlement agency and refugee employment services



Talking to family and friends



Help wanted signs



Online



Newspapers



Private employment agencies

## Usually you will take the following steps to find a job:



1 Find an open position



2 Fill out an application and submit it



3 Wait for contact or follow up with the employer



4 Interview

- Dress neat and clean
- Be on time
- Be friendly
- Smile
- Shake hands
- Make eye contact
- Thank the interviewer



5 Wait for contact or follow up with the employer



6 Continue to look for open positions.

## Most refugees start in entry-level positions:



Most refugees work in a new field because of their lack of work experience in the United States, and perhaps because of their lower level English. Your first job is most likely not your last in the United States. Each position should allow you to better your English, gain U.S. work experience and recommendations, and learn new skills. Some jobs offer healthcare and other benefits.