

**Opportunities & Challenges** 

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#### Agenda

- Ticket to moving around
- An Actuarial job in another country!
- Consider before relocating abroad
- Challenges you may face
- Welcome back to INDIA
- To Sum Up



TICKET TO MOVING AROUND

## Ticket to moving around

- Truly a Global profession
- Demand for actuarial professionals allows mobility
- Movement can happen in many ways
  - After university education
  - Internal movement
  - Outside the organization
- Roles may be full time or contracting in nature
- Move can happen at all levels





Indian actuarial qualification is accepted world over



## Why you would want to work in another country?

#### **Personal to Professional**

- Personal
  - A better lifestyle, spouse shifting abroad etc.
- Professional
  - Rapid career progression, increase in compensation etc.

#### Having experience of multiple markets

- Adds to your CV
- Increase the repertoire of skills & experiences
- It may allow you to gain specific skills



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## What to keep in mind before relocating abroad?

- Thoroughly research the job and the Company you are planning to relocate to
- Do you meet all the requirements of the role particularly if role is statutory?
- Understand how the actuarial profession works in the destination country
- Understand the cultural aspects of the country both from a work perspective as well as everyday life



#### What to keep in mind before relocating abroad?

Some common questions you should have answer to -

- What are the visa requirements for you and your spouse/kids?
- What are the cost of living differences?
- What are the tax rates?
- What are the various components of compensation being offered?



#### What are the challenges that you may face?

- The culture at work may be very different
- The HR policies may not be similar
- The regulatory regime may be different
- The state of the industry & maturity of market may not be the same
- There could be settling in issues both on work and home front

Challenges may be different depending upon whether you are moving to a more or a less developed market versus India



#### What are the challenges that you may face?

As in case of any change, it is important to prepare one for challenges ahead

- Speak to counterparts who have made similar transitions
- Speak to your manager in the new organization
- Speak to the HR department of the destination company
- Have an open discussion with your family



#### What if you decide to move back to India?

Moving back to India may be required due to professional or personal reasons

- One could have been away from the Indian market for long
- Important to keep abreast of the developments happening back home
- Highlight any specific skills acquired in your placement abroad

As is the case with moving abroad, it is important to keep in mind similar factors when moving back home



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# **Summarizing**

- Nature of actuarial profession allows its members to move between markets around the world
- Moving between markets has its advantages and challenges
- Important to do your research before deciding to take up opportunities in a different market
- Prepare yourself for the challenges that may arise by talking to people who may be able to advise
- The option to move back to India always exists if circumstances in the future do require you to come back



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