

Directorate of Political Affairs DP United Nations and international Organisations Division

Layout of posts in the United Nations

(in italics : approximate positions in the coordinated system)

General Services: positions not requiring an academic degree

G-1 (B-1)driver, cleaning staff, gardenerG-2 to G-5 (B2-5).secretary, usher, nurseG-6 (B-6)senior secretary at least bilingual with the equivalent of a "Matura"G-7administrative assistant

Professional staff: positions requiring an academic degree

P-1 (A-1) P-2 (A-2) P-3 (A-3) P-4 (A-4) P-5 (A-5)	"Assistant Officer" no professional experience (Master, Diploma) "Associate Officer", 2-5 y professional experience or PhD "Second Officer", specialist with some professional experience "First Officer", <i>ibid.</i> with good experience, technical responsibilities "Senior Officer", Head of a group or section, some political tasks Diplomatic status (CD plates, tax exemption)
<u>Directors</u>	
D-1 <i>(A-6)</i>	"Principal Officer" "Head of Division", often required PhD and at least 12 years of multilateral experience. Diplomatic status Protocol: as ministry of embassy, sometimes ambassador
D-2 <i>(A-7)</i>	" Director ", Director of office. Clearly political position. Minimum of 15 y of professional experience

Protocol: as Chief of Mission

Secretary Generals

ASG *	"Assistant Secretary General" "Head of Department", Executive Secretary, "Chief of Protocol", Political position. Incumbent often elected. Protocol: as Vice-Minister
USG *	"Under-Secretary General". Head of small to medium-sized Agencies or Programs (UNIDO, UNEP). political positions. Incumbent generally elected. Protocol: as Minister
SG *	"Secretary General": Heads of major organizations, Programs and Agencies (UN, UNDP, UNESCO,WHO). Political position. Incumbent always elected Protocol: as Prime Minister

* "unclassified" in the coordinated system (OECD, CoE, ESA, ECMWF and others)