



SUMMARIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TREATIES

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Subject-matter: **AU PAIR WORK**

European Agreement on Au Pair Placement ([ETS No. 68](#)), open for signature, in Strasbourg, on 24 November 1969.

Entry into force: 30 May 1971.

The purpose of this Agreement is to avoid certain drawbacks of "au pair" placement, and to this end it contains precise provisions on the relationship between the host family and the young person placed "au pair" (who is considered to be neither a worker nor a student). Some provisions must be applied (e.g. the requirement that there be a written agreement, the rules on the obligations of the two sides in respect of working hours, free time, pocket money, etc.). The Council of Europe has drawn up a model contract for young persons placed "au pair".