

# JOB HUNTER'S GUIDE



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SUCCESS IS SELF-CONFIDENCE.  
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CONFIDENCE IS PREPARATION.”

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CHAPTER 1 :  
THE TEFL MARKET



THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
TEACHING MARKET "THE  
WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER"

This saying has never been more true than for those who have gained a TEFL certification. However, before you go jumping on the first plane out to tropical sands and eastern countries, there are some important things that you need to think about.

The first thing is where you are planning to teach. If you are planning to travel and teach in far flung countries you may start with Google or any other regular search engine online. You might just be click happy and search through jobs and internships online and that's okay.

Globally TEFL is growing at an incredible rate all the time and schools all over the world are crying out for teachers. While money may be the furthest thing from your mind, it's good to have an idea of what you are getting yourself into on job boards.

Make sure you read a lot of jobs first, as it'll be a mix of levels - some postings will be specifically for experienced teachers and some positions will be for amateurs. Most schools will gladly give you an idea of how far your salary will stretch. You can compare this information to cost of living guides online, leisure and food costs. Once you have an idea of what your take home pay will be, stop and think about any

financial commitments you may have at home.

Will you need to send money back?

Pay off any contracts?

Continue paying bills and other expenses while you're away?

The last thing you want is to work hard and find you don't have enough money to live on. As a rule you shouldn't spend more than a third of the salary you earn on rent, if you cannot find suitable accommodation within this percentage then consider looking at a different school, city, or even country as the remaining salary will unlikely be enough for you to buy the essentials, wherever you are.

### WHERE TO GO?

In the upcoming pages of this guide, we will give you a brief overview of some of the most popular destinations for language teachers, plus we will highlight some of the key points to keep in mind when teaching and travelling.

But first, let's take a look at one of the fastest-growing TEFL opportunities – teaching English online.

## TEACHING ENGLISH ONLINE

TEACH ENGLISH ONLINE AND EARN MONEY FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME. IN OUR EVER-INCREASING ONLINE WORLD, THE DEMAND FOR ONLINE ENGLISH TEACHERS GROWING RAPIDLY.

## TEACH ANYWHERE

Teaching English online is a great way to get work no matter where you are. With strong internet access, you can log in from anywhere in the world. The best part? Your students don't have to travel to meet you, and you get to choose your own schedule too.

Once you complete your TEFL training, there are many different routes that you can take. For example, you can work for an English teaching company or become a freelance English teacher.

As a freelance online TEFL teacher, you can make a steady income while controlling your schedule to fit around your lifestyle. That's right, doing a job you love while living a life you love!

## TEACH ANY AGE

You can teach learners of all ages online. Teaching young learners is a popular route because speaking English is such a desirable quality in children, and parents are eager to sign them up.

While children are more susceptible to our influence, we also have the power to create a difference for adult students.

Adults will have willingly decided to sign up to learn English. In fact, they'll be more focused and mature about learning and reaching their lesson objectives. As English continues to be the language of business and communication worldwide, the desire to learn English online is unlikely to fade.