















# TEFL COUNTRY COMPARISON CHART

Wondering where you can teach once you get TEFL certified? The short answer is: virtually anywhere in the world! However, application requirements and compensation packages vary by country, so we put together this handy chart to give you an overview of some of the English teaching opportunities out there.

Click on a flag to find out more about teaching in that country.










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| <b>Argentina</b><br> | Min. 120-hour TEFL usually required | BA/BS preferred                         | Experience preferred               | None      | None<br>Proof of fluent English                        | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals | \$500–\$1,100                | None                       |
| <b>Austria</b><br>   | Min. 100-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required                          | Experience preferred               | None      | Native English speakers from EU, US & Canada preferred | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals      | \$850–\$3,200                | None                       |
| <b>Bahrain</b><br>   | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required<br>B.Ed. or MA preferred | License & experience preferred     | None      | Native English speakers                                | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school)                               | \$1,500–\$4,200              | Flights, housing & medical |
| <b>Belgium</b><br>   | TEFL required<br>No minimum         | BA/BS required                          | Usually not required               | None      | Native English speakers from EU preferred              | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals      | \$1,800–\$2,200              | None                       |
| <b>Bolivia</b><br>   | Min. 120-hour TEFL usually required | University degree usually not required  | Experience preferred               | None      | None<br>Proof of fluent English                        | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals      | \$400–\$600                  | None                       |

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| <b>Brazil</b><br>               | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS preferred & sometimes required | License & experience sometimes required | None      | Native English speakers<br>US sometimes preferred     | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$800–\$3,300                | Sometimes housing & medical          |
| <b>Bulgaria</b><br>             | Min. 100-hour TEFL preferred        | BA/BS preferred                      | Experience preferred                    | Under 65  | Native English speakers from EU preferred             | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals         | \$1,000–\$2,000              | None                                 |
| <b>Cambodia</b><br>             | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required                       | Experience sometimes required           | Under 65  | Native English speakers                               | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school)                                  | \$700–\$3,000                | Sometimes flights                    |
| <b>Chile</b><br>               | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required                       | Usually not required                    | None      | Native English speakers preferred                     | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$750–\$1,000                | None                                 |
| <b>China</b><br>              | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required                       | License & experience sometimes required | Under 60  | US, UK, Canada, Ireland, Australia, NZ & South Africa | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school)                                  | \$1,500–\$4,500              | Flights, housing & medical           |
| <b>Colombia</b><br>           | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS preferred & sometimes required | License & experience sometimes required | None      | None<br>Proof of fluent English                       | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$700–\$1,500                | Sometimes flights, housing & medical |
| <b>Costa Rica</b><br>         | Min. 120-hour TEFL usually required | BA/BS preferred                      | License & experience sometimes required | None      | None<br>Proof of fluent English                       | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$600–\$1,000                | Sometimes flights & housing          |
| <b>Czech Republic</b><br>     | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required                       | Experience preferred                    | None      | Native English speakers from EU preferred             | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (pre-K to high school & summer camps)                   | \$1,000–\$1,300              | None                                 |
| <b>Dominican Republic</b><br> | TEFL required<br>No minimum         | BA/BS usually required               | License & experience sometimes required | None      | Native English speakers preferred                     | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school) & young adults (university) | \$1,000–\$2,000              | Sometimes flights, housing & medical |



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| <b>Ecuador</b><br>     | Min. 120-hour TEFL preferred         | BA/BS preferred                      | Experience preferred & license sometimes required | None      | Native English speakers preferred  | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals      | \$500-\$800                  | Sometimes housing                    |
| <b>Egypt</b><br>       | Min. 120-hour TEFL usually required  | BA/BS required<br>B.Ed./MA preferred | License & experience usually required             | None      | Native English speakers  | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school)                          | \$2,300-\$3,000              | Flights, housing & medical           |
| <b>France</b><br>      | Min. 120-hour TEFL or CELTA required | BA/BS required<br>B.Ed./MA preferred | License & experience sometimes required           | None      | Native English speakers from EU preferred                                | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals      | \$900-\$2,000                | None                                 |
| <b>Georgia</b><br>    | TEFL preferred<br>No minimum         | BA/BS preferred                      | Usually not required                              | Under 60  | US, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand & South Africa preferred | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school)                          | \$220-\$500                  | None                                 |
| <b>Germany</b><br>   | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required                       | License & experience usually required             | None      | EU preferred<br>Proof of English fluency required                        | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (pre-K to high school) & young adults (university)   | \$900-\$2,200                | Sometimes flights & medical          |
| <b>Greece</b><br>    | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required                       | Usually not required                              | None      | EU preferred<br>Proof of English fluency required                        | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals      | \$800-\$1,200                | Usually medical                      |
| <b>Guatemala</b><br> | TEFL preferred<br>No minimum         | BA/BS preferred                      | Experience sometimes preferred                    | None      | Native English speakers preferred  | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (pre-K to high school) & young adults (university)   | \$500-\$600                  | None                                 |
| <b>Haiti</b><br>     | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required                       | License & experience sometimes required           | None      | Native English speakers  | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school)                          | \$1,750-\$2,200              | Sometimes flights, housing & medical |
| <b>Hungary</b><br>   | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required                       | License & experience sometimes required           | None      | Native English speakers from EU preferred                                | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals | \$900-\$1,000                | Sometimes housing & medical          |



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| <br><b>Honduras</b>     | Min. 120-hour TEFL preferred         | BA/BS required                           | Experience preferred & license sometimes required | None      | Native English speakers preferred                              | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school) & young adults (university) | \$250–\$2,000                | None                                 |
| <br><b>Hong Kong</b>    | Min. 100-hour TEFL or CELTA required | BA/BS required (English major preferred) | License & experience preferred                    | Under 60  | None   | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school)                                  | \$2,900–\$8,000              | Sometimes flights & housing          |
| <br><b>India</b>        | Min. 120-hour TEFL usually required  | BA/BS required<br>B.Ed. preferred        | Experience usually required                       | None      | Native English speakers preferred<br>Proof of fluency required | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$680–\$1,400                | Sometimes flights, housing & medical |
| <br><b>Indonesia</b>   | Min. 120-hour TEFL preferred         | BA/BS required                           | License & experience sometimes required           | Under 60  | Native English speakers  | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school) & adults                         | \$1,500–\$3,000              | Usually flights, housing & medical   |
| <br><b>Iraq</b>       | TEFL required<br>No minimum          | BA/BS required                           | Experience preferred & license sometimes required | None      | Native English speakers preferred                              | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school) & adults                    | \$1,500–\$3,000              | Usually flights, housing & medical   |
| <br><b>Italy</b>      | Min. 100-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS preferred                          | License & experience sometimes required           | None      | EU preferred<br>Proof of English fluency required              | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$1,100–\$1,850              | None                                 |
| <br><b>Japan</b>      | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required                           | Experience preferred                              | Under 65  | Native English speakers  | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school)                                  | \$2,200–\$3,000              | Usually flights, housing & medical   |
| <br><b>Jordan</b>     | TEFL required<br>No minimum          | BA/BS required                           | License & experience sometimes required           | None      | Native English teachers preferred                              | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$3,000–\$3,800              | Usually flights, housing & medical   |
| <br><b>Kazakhstan</b> | TEFL usually required<br>No minimum  | BA/BS usually required                   | License & experience sometimes required           | None      | Proof of English fluency required                              | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school)                             | \$800–\$3,000                | Usually flights, housing & medical   |







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| <b>Kuwait</b><br>            | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required<br>MA preferred         | License & experience usually required             | None      | Native English speakers                   | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school)                             | \$2,600–\$4,000              | Flights, housing & medical           |
| <b>Kyrgyzstan</b><br>        | TEFL preferred<br>No minimum         | BA/BS preferred                        | Usually not required                              | None      | Native English speakers preferred         | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school)                             | \$400–\$800                  | Sometimes housing                    |
| <b>Laos</b><br>              | Min. 120-hour TEFL preferred         | BA/BS required                         | License & IB training preferred                   | None      | Native English speakers preferred         | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school) & young adults (university) | \$500–\$1,000                | None                                 |
| <b>Lebanon</b><br>          | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required                         | License sometimes required                        | None      | Native English speakers                   | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school)                             | \$900–\$4,000                | Sometimes flights & housing          |
| <b>Lithuania</b><br>       | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required                         | Experience required                               | None      | Native English speakers from EU preferred | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$1,000–\$2,500              | Sometimes flights                    |
| <b>Malaysia</b><br>        | Min. 120-hour TEFL or CELTA required | BA/BS required<br>MA/PhD preferred     | Experience required                               | Under 60  | Native English speakers                   | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals         | \$1,200–\$2,300              | Sometimes flights & housing          |
| <b>Mexico</b><br>          | Min. 120-hour TEFL preferred         | BA/BS required & MA sometimes required | License & experience sometimes required           | None      | Native English speakers                   | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school), university & adults             | \$1,000–\$2,100              | Sometimes flights, housing & medical |
| <b>Morocco</b><br>         | Min. 120-hour TEFL required          | BA/BS required                         | Experience preferred & license sometimes required | Under 60  | Native English speakers                   | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals         | \$1,000–\$2,100              | Usually flights, housing & medical   |
| <b>Myanmar (Burma)</b><br> | Min. 120-hour TEFL usually required  | BA/BS usually required                 | License & experience usually required             | None      | Native English speakers                   | Work Visa   | Children (pre-K to high school)                                  | \$1,500–\$5,400              | Sometimes flights, housing & medical |



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| <b>Nicaragua</b><br>      | TEFL preferred<br><br>No minimum            | BA/BS required                              | License sometimes required              | None      | Native English speakers preferred  | Tourist visa<br><br>Residency permit for longer stays             | Children (elementary to high school), university & adults          | \$500–\$700                  | None                                 |
| <b>Peru</b><br>           | Min. 120-hour TEFL preferred                | BA/BS required                              | License & experience sometimes required | None      | EU preferred<br><br>Proof of fluency required                            | Tourist visa<br><br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (elementary to high school), university & adults          | \$500–\$700                  | Sometimes flights, housing & medical |
| <b>Poland</b><br>         | TEFL required<br><br>120 hours preferred    | BA/BS required                              | License & experience usually required   | None      | EU preferred<br><br>Proof of English fluency required                    | Not required for EU citizens<br><br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (elementary to high school)                               | \$750–\$2,000                | Sometimes housing, flights & medical |
| <b>Portugal</b><br>      | Min. 100-hour TEFL required                 | BA/BS required                              | License & experience sometimes required | None      | EU preferred<br><br>Proof of English fluency required                    | Not required for EU citizens<br><br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (elementary to high school)                               | \$1,000–\$1,300              | Sometimes housing                    |
| <b>Qatar</b><br>        | Min. 120-hour TEFL required                 | BA/BS required<br><br>B.Ed. or MA preferred | License & experience preferred          | None      | US, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand & South Africa preferred | Work visa   | Children (kindergarten to high school)                             | \$2,400–\$5,500              | Flights, housing & medical           |
| <b>Romania</b><br>      | Min. 120-hour TEFL required                 | BA/BS required                              | License & experience sometimes required | None      | EU preferred<br><br>Native English speakers                              | Not required for EU citizens<br><br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (kindergarten to high school) & business professionals    | \$600–\$2,000                | Sometimes medical                    |
| <b>Russia</b><br>       | Min. 120-hour TEFL required                 | BA/BS preferred                             | License & experience sometimes required | None      | Native English speakers preferred  | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals      | \$1,000–\$2,000              | Sometimes flights & housing          |
| <b>Saudi Arabia</b><br> | Min. 120-hour TEFL or CELTA/ TESOL required | BA/BS required                              | License & experience preferred          | None      | Native English speakers  | Work visa   | Children (kindergarten to high school) & young adults (university) | \$3,000–\$4,500              | Flights, housing & medical           |
| <b>Slovakia</b><br>     | Min. 120-hour TEFL required                 | BA/BS required<br><br>B.Ed. preferred       | Experience usually required             | None      | EU preferred<br><br>Proof of English fluency required                    | Not required for EU citizens<br><br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals      | \$425–\$2,000                | None                                 |





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| <b>Slovenia</b><br>                   | TEFL required<br>No minimum         | BA/BS required<br>B.Ed. preferred       | Experience sometimes required                    | None               | EU preferred<br>Proof of English fluency required              | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (elementary to high school) & young adults (university) | \$700–\$2,500                | None                               |
| <b>South Korea</b><br>                | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required                          | Experience preferred                             | Under 60           | US, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand & South Africa | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school)                                  | \$1,800–\$2,700              | Flights, housing & medical         |
| <b>Spain</b><br>                      | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS preferred                         | License & experience sometimes required          | Under 60 preferred | EU preferred<br>Native English speakers                        | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (pre-K to high school)                                  | \$900–\$1,800                | Sometimes medical                  |
| <b>Thailand</b><br>                  | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required                          | License & experience sometimes required          | Under 60           | US, UK, Canada, Australia & New Zealand preferred              | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school) & business professionals         | \$950–\$4,000                | Usually flights, housing & medical |
| <b>Turkey</b><br>                   | Min. 120-hour TEFL usually required | BA/BS sometimes required                | License & experience sometimes required          | Under 65           | Native English speakers preferred                              | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays                    | Children (pre-K to high school) & adults                         | \$1,000–\$5,000              | Sometimes flights & housing        |
| <b>Ukraine</b><br>                  | Min. 120-hour TEFL required         | BA/BS required                          | License & experience sometimes required          | None               | Proof of English fluency required                              | Work visa   | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals    | \$1,500–\$3,000              | Sometimes flights & housing        |
| <b>United Kingdom</b><br>           | CELTA sometimes required            | B.Ed. usually required                  | License required & experience preferred          | Under 55           | Canada, US, Australia, New Zealand or EEA preferred            | Not required for EU citizens<br>Work visa for other nationals | Children (elementary to high school)                             | \$2,300–\$4,800              | None                               |
| <b>United Arab Emirates</b><br>     | Min. 120-hour TEFL usually required | BA/BS required<br>B.Ed. or MA preferred | License usually required & experience preferred  | None               | Native English speakers  | Work visa   | Children (pre-K to high school)                                  | \$2,400–\$5,700              | Flights, housing & medical         |
| <b>United States of America</b><br> | CELTA sometimes required            | BA/BS required<br>B.Ed. or MA preferred | License required & experience sometimes required | Under 70           | US preferred<br>Native English speakers                        | Work visa   | Children (kindergarten to high school)                           | \$2,000–\$2,500              | None                               |



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| <b>Uruguay</b><br> | Min. 120-hour TEFL required      | BA/BS preferred & B.Ed. sometimes required | License & experience sometimes required | None      | Proof of English fluency required | Tourist visa<br>Work visa for longer stays | Children (elementary to high school) & business professionals | \$500-\$2,500                | Medical with work visa      |
| <b>Vietnam</b><br> | Min. 100-hour TEFL<br>No minimum | BA/BS required                             | Experience preferred                    | Under 60  | Native English speakers           | Work visa                                  | Children (pre-K to high school) & adults                      | \$1,000-\$2,000              | Sometimes housing & medical |

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