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Asian Countries						
Country	TEFL Requirement	Degree Requirement	Experience Requirement	Age Req.	Nationality Restriction	Visa Req.
Cambodia 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA preferred, not required	Teaching experienced sometimes required	Under 65	none	Tourist allowed; work visa preferred
China 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	2 years teaching experience required in some municipalities	Under 60	native English speakers under most circumstances	Work visa in advance or tourist visa transfer
Hong Kong 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required; English or Education major preferred	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 60	native English speakers under most circumstances	Work visa in advance or tourist visa transfer
India 	120-hour TEFL required	Bachelor's degree in English or Education required	2 years teaching experienced required	none	native English speakers under most circumstances	Work visa in advance
Indonesia 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 60	native English speakers	Work visa in advance
Japan 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 65	native English speakers or those educated in English	Work visa in advance






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Kazakhstan 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA preferred; not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	Work visa in advance
Laos 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	Any
Malaysia 	120-hour TEFL required; CELTA preferred	BA/BA required; MA/MS preferred	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 60	native English speakers or English majors	Work visa in advance
Myanmar 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	Any
Philippines 	120-hour TEFL required; CELTA preferred	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	any
Singapore 	120-hour TEFL required; CELTA preferred	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 60	native English speakers	Work visa in advance
South Korea 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 60	native English speakers	Work visa in advance



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Taiwan 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 65	native English speakers	Work visa in advance
Thailand 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 60	native English speakers	Work visa in advance or tourist visa transfer
Vietnam 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 60	none, native English speakers strongly preferred	Work visa in advance or tourist visa transfer










Latin American Countries

Country	TEFL Requirement	Degree Requirement	Experience Requirement	Age Req.	Nationality Restriction	Visa Req.
Argentina 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	Any
Bolivia 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	any
Brazil 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	any
Chile 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	any
Colombia 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	any
Dominican Rep. 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	any
Ecuador 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers preferred; not required	any










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Guatemala 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	any
Honduras 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	any
Mexico 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers preferred; not required	work visa preferred
Nicaragua 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers preferred; not required	any
Panama 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
Peru 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers; or EU citizens	work visa in advance
Uruguay 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	any







Middle Eastern & African Countries

Country	TEFL Requirement	Degree Requirement	Experience Requirement	Age Req.	Nationality Restriction	Visa Req.
Bahrain 	120-hour TEFL required; CELTA preferred	BA/BA required	Some experience required	none	none	work visa in advance
Egypt 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
Israel 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
Jordan 	TEFL required; no minimum hours	BA/BS preferred; not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
Kuwait 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required; MA/MS preferred	2 years teaching experienced required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
Lebanon 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred; not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
Morocco 	120-hour TEFL preferred	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	work visa in advance










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 Oman	120-hour TEFL preferred	BA/BA required; MA/MS preferred	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	work visa in advance
 Qatar	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required; MA/MS preferred	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
 Saudi Arabia	CELTA required	BA/BA required; MA/MS preferred	2 years teaching experienced required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
 UAE	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required; MA/MS preferred	2 years teaching experienced required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance










European Countries

Country	TEFL Requirement	Degree Requirement	Experience Requirement	Age Req.	Nationality Restriction	Visa Req.
Austria 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU, American & Canadian	EU; work visa in advance
Belgium 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred	EU; work visas in some cases
Bulgaria 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 65	EU citizens preferred	EU passports
Croatia 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers and US citizens	work visa in advance
Czech Republic 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
France 	TEFL required; CELTA preferred	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
Georgia 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 60	native English speakers preferred	any





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Germany 	TEFL required; CETLA preferred	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	native English speakers	work visa in advance
Greece 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance; tourist visa transfer
Hungary 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	2 years teaching experience required	none	no restrictions	work visa in advance
Italy 	100-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
Lithuania 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	1-year teaching experience required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
Poland 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	1-year teaching experienced required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
Portugal 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance



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Romania 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
Russia 	100-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced usually required	none	native English speakers	any
Slovakia 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experience usually required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
Slovenia 	120-hour TEFL required	BA/BS preferred, not required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
Spain 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	EU citizens preferred; or native English speakers	work visa in advance
Turkey 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	Under 65	native English speakers preferred	work visa in advance
Ukraine 	120-hour TEFL preferred; not required	BA/BA required	Teaching experienced preferred; not required	none	none	any



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