

Transcription

Hi, and welcome to this Get Started Teaching ESL video. Here, we will discuss the documents required for teaching, alternative jobs that allow you to move abroad with no degree, and giving you helpful insights on the ESL job application process. This video is mainly audio, so feel free to play this in the background while you relax, run some errands, or do some chores. So let's get started.

Firstly, you need to know your why. Are you looking for new international experiences? Do you love working with kids? Do you want to work with adults instead of kids? Do you only want to work remotely? Or is there a different reason you want to teach ESL? These questions are important to answer as they help you understand what kind of position you should apply to.

So now that we know your why, let's talk about working abroad. For most overseas jobs, you will need to have a degree, TEFL certificates, and police clearance. These documents should be legalized by the time you apply for jobs abroad. Recruiters like to work with people who have their documents ready, so that they can find placement for them quickly without having the delay of waiting for documents. So it is important you get your paperwork sorted as soon as possible.

If you are not a degree holder and would like to travel abroad, your best bet is:

- Working on cruise ships
- Doing the workaway program
- Volunteering abroad with a company that pays for your food and accommodation

www.tellemesl.com

The main ones you can apply to are:

1. workaway.com
2. aupair.com
3. workaway.info
4. worldpackers.com

If you don't want to move abroad or teach locally, but still really want to teach, then teaching remotely would be ideal for you. There are various companies you could work for. You can find jobs online at:

1. oetjobs.com
2. teacherrecord.com
3. preply.com
4. cambly.com

If you want to teach in person, then you can visit these platforms to find work. For full-time jobs, you can look on:

1. tes.com
2. davesesl.com

Degree holders can find jobs on:

1. jobs.echinacities.com
2. <https://meddeas.com/teach-english-in-spain/>
3. tealit.com
4. eslrock.com
5. epic.go.kr
6. esljobinchina.com
7. tes.com
8. davesesl.com

Qualified teachers should apply directly to international schools. And before accepting any position, it is vital that you know which age group you are truly comfortable teaching. You also need to know where you would like to teach.

So figure out whether you are open to teaching at:

1. Public schools
2. International schools
3. Training centers

If you have high energy levels, then teaching young kids may be ideal. It requires a lot of movement, voice projection, and both gentleness and assertiveness where needed. If you can handle more of a challenge, then middle school may be ideal. This age group requires a teacher who is assertive. You must be able to work well in high-stress situations. Learners usually aren't as serious about their learning at this age, so you are responsible for ensuring that you keep the learners engaged. Doing so means you need to be well-prepared for your classes.

You may find teaching high school easier to teach. This is an age group that tends to take their learning more seriously because performing poorly at this level is life-changing for them. Their further education is heavily impacted by how they do in your classes. For this age group, you need to be focused and well-prepared. It would be best if you were patient and a great problem solver. You should be able to understand what your learners find challenging and assist them accordingly. Your goal is to improve their fluency so they can be better prepared for their international exams.

So let's talk about adults. Teaching them can be very rewarding if you are a people person. You get to have more relaxed conversations and this age level requires less energy to teach. However, you still need to be very well prepared. Adults are more focused on improving their English for either their career or social life. Most of your learners may be looking to improve their business English or their overall confidence in communicating with others. So being a people person, open, and friendly are key.

Teaching at an international school means that you may be teaching all age groups except for adults, or you may be a homeroom teacher for a specific grade. You can only apply to these positions if you are fully qualified. Class sizes on average may be around 20 to 30 kids per class. The salary for international schools is much higher, so it's definitely something to work towards.

Working at a training center can be a great way to improve your teaching skills. Most training centers expect their teachers to teach all age groups. Depending on where you are applying from, you may not need a teaching qualification or degree to teach there. Class sizes are generally smaller at these centers, so working there may be a great way to improve your confidence as a teacher.

When it comes to public schools, you may be expected to teach all grade levels. Most of these classes are large, so be prepared to teach 30 plus kids per class. You could be teaching around 40 kids on average. This class size depends on the country and school, but is generally on the higher side in comparison to international schools. You will need lots of energy to manage these class sizes, and vocal projection is a necessity here.

So let's talk about getting your documents ready. Firstly, you'll need:

1. A TEFL certificate.
2. A three or four-year degree.
3. A police clearance, all of which need to be notarized and apostilled.

All these documents will then need to be authenticated by the consulate in your residential city of your home country. Read the course notes to learn more about this.

Let's discuss working with recruiters. The easiest way to find a job is by working with them. They are pretty easy to find online. Something to note about recruiters is that they take a cut of your salary when they source work for you.

Unfortunately, if you are new to teaching, this goes with the territory. Unless you know someone or are in the country and able to work with schools directly, going through a recruiter is your best bet to find a job. You will likely find your first job through a recruiting agent as it's easier for them to place you at schools. Something to keep in mind is that some public schools are not allowed to hire you unless you are hired through a recruiter. Also, be careful when signing your teaching contracts with teaching agencies.

Some agencies may find a school for you, then once you have signed a contract with them, they could give your school away to another candidate. This could leave you in a bind as they usually don't pay you unless you start working at one of their schools. If your school of choice is no longer available, you may have no choice but to agree to the school they are recommending you take, even if it's not your preferred age group. So please do your research and read your contracts carefully.

So what about directly applying to schools? This is highly recommended as it's the best way to find a high-paying job. You can usually find schools at international job fairs, through a referral of someone working at a school, or by applying to the school directly via their website. The competition is usually high, so you will need to have enough experience and official qualifications to be considered.

The application process can take anywhere from one month to four months, so it's advisable you start preparing your documents well in advance. Your police clearance is valid for six months from the date stated on it, so keep this in mind when completing your application.

The process you follow for your application depends on the country you are applying to. Popular ESL teaching destinations include:

1. South Korea
2. Japan
3. Vietnam
4. Taiwan
5. Italy
6. Spain

If you have dual citizenship or authorization to work in Europe, then you can apply to Italy or Spain. If you want to get paid really well, then China is the best option. If you are looking to have some amazing cultural experiences, then pretty much any destination would be great.

If you have a desire for a luxury lifestyle, then teaching in Dubai may be ideal. What you want to teach will determine how long the application process is. determine how long the application process takes. Your home country can also determine how soon you are able to start teaching as some countries will allow you to convert your tourist visa to a work visa from within the country. So research the places you would like to move to and then decide where you want to be. You might need to have medical checks done before flying to your new country. A medical check is usually required for a work permit. This rule will differ depending on the country you go to and the country you are from. So be sure to ask your agents, school or visa embassy about this.

Finances can be tricky to calculate. You will also need more than you think. So whatever your recruitment agent tells you you need, add an extra \$1,000 to that number. To be safe, \$3,000 is usually a good number to bring with you to most ESL countries.

Keep in mind that some countries like Korea pay for your apartment and others like China pay for or reimburse you for your flights. Some agencies or schools might tell you to bring less than needed. This means that you could end up borrowing money from them. And in some cases, they could go as far as to hold on to your legal documentation, such as your passport or visa-related paperwork. So please be very careful and come fully prepared.

When it comes to accommodation, you will pay a two-month deposit and the first month's rent up front. This is usually the case for most countries and places. Some schools may offer you accommodation, but many of those places aren't ideal to stay in. So it's best to stay in a hotel and then view apartments in person before moving into them.

Okay, that is all for now. If you have any questions, post them in the comments and I'll get back to you. Thanks for watching. I hope this was helpful and I'll talk to you soon.