



INTERACTIVE GUIDE



World Of TEFL Guide

What is TEFL?

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Let's get back to basics—in a world of so many acronyms, it can be hard to keep them all straight! TEFL stands for “Teaching English as a Foreign Language.” In order to be qualified to teach English as a foreign language, you need to get a certificate—a TEFL certificate. That's where we come in.

TEFL certifications are lifelong, and qualify you to teach ESL (English as a second language) and EFL (English as a foreign language). When you get your certification with Premier TEFL, you'll enjoy the benefits of having an internationally recognised qualification from a variety of teaching facilities—state schools and government organisations to private colleges and individual tutoring sessions.

With this valuable qualification at your disposal, you'll be fit to apply for thousands of teaching positions abroad with confidence. [Kickstart your global travels!](#)

Other acronyms you should be aware of—TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). TESOL is a general name for the field of teaching that includes both TESL and TEFL.



What is TEFL?

TEFL vs. TESL

TESL is essentially the same as TEFL; however, some acronyms may be more widely used in some countries than in others. It will also depend on the native language of the country you're working in.

For instance, if you do TESL, you're probably working in the UK, the USA, or another English-speaking nation working with immigrants. TEFL, therein, refers to teaching English as a foreign language—programs in countries where English is not the primary language.

From our extensive experience and years of insider knowledge, we've found that in order to secure the majority of TEFL jobs across the continents, you'll need a minimum of [120 hours](#) worth of TEFL training. Apart from that, you don't need any previous teaching experience or qualifications.

While some destinations and teaching positions will require a third-level degree in any area, many teachers are able to easily gain employment without one; simply put, degree holders have more access to a greater variety of jobs of different levels and salaries, but degrees are not necessarily required to have a TEFL work abroad adventure.



“ Through teaching English online I have discovered the richness of the world's different cultures through my laptop screen, and now, thanks to Premier tefl, I will receive a certification that will enable me to see them in person. ”



Why Premier TEFL?

What makes us so great?

Premier TEFL offers the most unique, competitively-priced live teaching experiences and internships in the international TEFL market!

With Premier TEFL, not only will you become fully TEFL qualified, you'll also be able to develop practical skills to get you classroom ready in no time.

Our courses, internships and scholarships with live teaching experience mean you'll get the indispensable opportunity to tutor real students in a physical educational environment.

Whether you see yourself sampling tapas in [Spain](#), exploring [China's](#) lively night markets, or learning how to make homemade rice noodles in [Vietnam](#), there are heaps of adventures to be had both inside AND outside of the ESL classroom.

But you don't have to take our word for it. Our **4.5 star reviews** along with **GoAbroad Verified status** means that by choosing Premier TEFL you'll be in safe hands for your entire TEFL journey.



★ REVIEWS

90%



of reviewers recommend
Premier TEFL



What our TEFL graduates have to say...

Non Native



CHINA TEFL TEACHER

“Be brave, bold, and courageous but most of all, believe in yourself. If you don’t believe you can teach English, nobody will.

No one is perfect, even native speakers make mistakes, so don’t be afraid to pursue your dreams!”

- Ana, TEFL intern in China

Check out **Ana’s** experience teaching English in China



ANA’S STORY

Couple



THAILAND INTERNS

“I’m surprised at how quickly we were able to adapt to Thailand with regards to food, customs, climate, language etc we just took it all in our stride. The best part about being abroad together is that we can share so many amazing experiences which will be great to look back on in the future.”

- Keith & Roksana, TEFL interns in Thailand

Check out **Keith & Roksana’s** experience teaching English in Thailand



KEITH AND ROKSANA’S STORY

No Degree



CAMBODIA INTERN
ISHAQ’S STORY

CHINA INTERN
SAMANTHA’S STORY



Gap Year

Career Breaker

INDIA INTERN
SHANTHA’S STORY

Let's talk about TEFL courses

We love teaching abroad, and have years of inside knowledge, extensive experience, and dozens of at-the-ready games and activities logged in our brains.

We know what you need to succeed as an ESL teacher. And that is the minimum [120 hour TEFL training course](#)—whether online or in-person.

What's included in a Premier TEFL course

Our **Ofqual regulated Level 5 TEFL courses** give you expert training in bite-sized chunks. Initially introducing the basics of teaching English, you'll move on to strategies for working with learners of different levels, as well as key insights on how to teach listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. You'll walk away with the confidence AND skills to rock your TEFL classroom. Each section also covers other essentials like classroom confidence building, lesson planning, and employment advice.

Benefits of online learning

Your time, your workload. When you do a TEFL certification course online, you're able to work through the course materials at your own pace. Enjoy that flexibility! But don't worry, you're not alone—we do our best to provide ample...

...Course support

Just because you're studying away from a classroom doesn't mean there's no support available for you! It's the opposite, actually. And when you're qualified and are ready to start your own TEFL journey, we'll be there to give you advice on securing your first TEFL job. We're an approved training centre with TQUK, so you can be assured of high standards in TEFL training that is recognized internationally—and be best placed to secure TEFL jobs.

Once you're certified and heading abroad, you'll feel amped and prepared to translate your skills into the classroom. [Find more course information here.](#)



Learning objectives

We want to make sure that your TEFL training is as productive and useful as possible. That's why we've outlined these threefold goals for your learnings:

- Demonstrate a good grasp and a basic understanding of the communicative approach to teaching English as a foreign language.
- ✎ Be able to write your own objectives and craft appropriate lesson plans born of those goals.
- 🎓 Demonstrate a general understanding of, and familiarity with, the world of teaching English as a foreign language, including general terminology, the profession's qualifications, further training options, and career opportunities.

In this way, we set you up for long term success as a TEFL teacher—because trust us, once you've had a taste, you'll keep coming back for more.



“ Receiving my tefl certification has opened many doors for me in the world of teaching as well as becoming an entrepreneur in the expatriate world. ”



ALYSSA ROWLEY



THAILAND DEGREE TEFLER

“One of the greatest things about teaching abroad is that it opens so many new doors for travel experiences.”



“ Premier tefl was also able to help me find an internship in Thailand, which I am extremely grateful for! Having both the certificate as well as practical, real world experience is a great kickstart to my career!

”

Why take our government regulated 168 hour level 5 TEFL course?

TEFL employers are now looking for a new golden caliber of TEFL teacher, this is why we have developed our internationally recognised 168 hour Ofqual regulated TEFL course.

The 168 hour Ofqual regulated level 5 course is the kick to our coffee. It's your gateway to an endless world of TEFL opportunities.

Studying online, on any device means 24/7 access, allowing you the freedom to fit your learning around your lifestyle (not the other way around!).

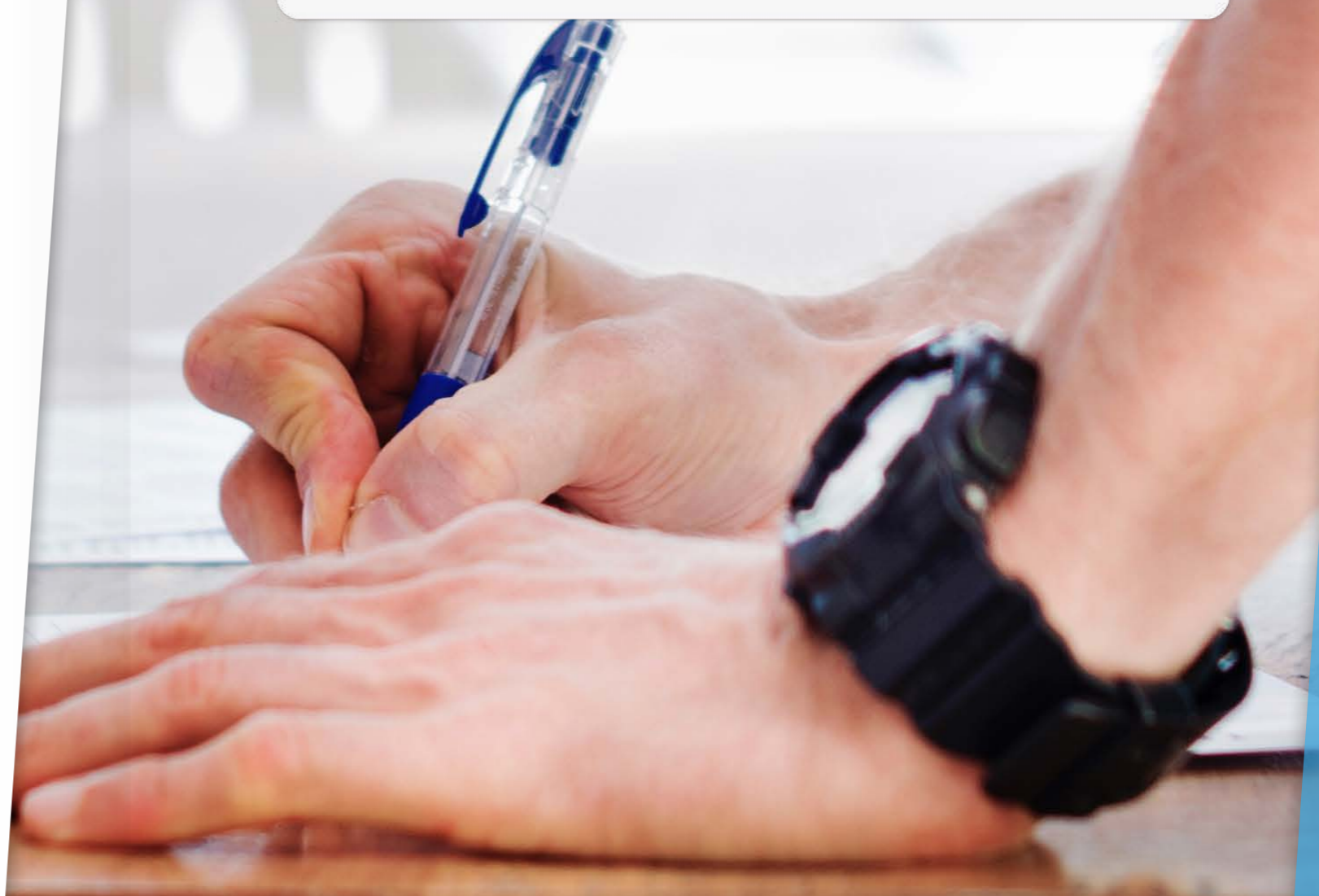
You don't even need previous experience to follow your dreams of travel; all you need is a fluent level of English. The course is equivalent to both CELTA and Trinity Cert TESOL, giving you the best possible chance to find that dream job!

With this level 5 government regulated qualification you'll be fully prepared and confident to apply for jobs globally. See yourself in exotic locations like [Thailand](#), [China](#), Japan, UAE, Turkey, and [Spain](#).



Where our course fits in the UK qualifications framework

Level 6 BA/SC Degree/Level 6 NVQ	
Level 5 HND/Level 5 NVQ	Premier TEFL, CELTA, Trinity Cert TESOL
Level 4 HNC/Level 4 NVQ	
Level 3 A-Level A-E/Level 3 NVQ	
Level 2 GCSE A*-C/Level 2 NVQ	
Level 1 GCSE D-G/Level 1 NVQ	



Why take the 120 hour Advanced TEFL Course?

The majority of TEFL employers—especially those who offer good teaching salaries—prefer to hire teachers with a minimum of 120 hours basic tuition.

Our advanced [120 hour course](#) is ideal for TEFL beginners; you don't need any previous experience, just fluent English skills and a passion for new adventures. Coordinated by a real teaching English professional, this training course prepares you in all the fundamental skills you need to get the job done right.

As well as being fully accredited and internationally recognized, our 120 hour course is delivered online for optimum flexibility. You can study whenever and wherever it suits you, on any device, in any location. This 24/7 access means you have the freedom to fit your learning around your lifestyle (not the other way around!).

Because the qualification is for life, you'll have your pick of thousands of teaching positions worldwide—indefinitely—and will feel more than prepared to apply for jobs in dream destinations like [China](#), Japan, the UAE, Turkey, and [Spain](#). Thanks to the full support from our friendly team you can be confident you're choosing the best, most rewarding opportunity for you.



Specialist TEFL Courses

Already TEFL qualified, or want to specialise in an area of TEFL? Choose one of our four specialist/advanced courses to perfect your skills:

30 hour IELTS preparation teacher

Get certified as an [IELTS](#) exam preparation teacher. Taken by 2 million students globally every year, with this certification, you'll be able to take advantage of the ample job opportunities to prepare students for this important exam.

30 hour TOEIC preparation teacher

Become a [TOEIC](#) preparation teacher and take advantage of preparing students for this important exam—6 million taken globally every year.

30 hour Teaching Business English

The use of [English](#) internationally in trade and commerce grows every year. Specialise in this area and you'll benefit from both increased employment opportunities and earning power.

30 hour Teaching Young Learners

This [specialist course](#) prepares you to be a more confident teacher with children and early learners. Your students will benefit from a more enjoyable, intentional teaching experience.



“ I am really pleased with the course programme and how flexible tefl have made it to do whilst being at university. Also the customer service has been very helpful as well as responding quickly.



Scholarships & Internships

Live-Teaching Scholarships

A [live-teaching scholarship](#) with us gives you so much more than a chance to see the world and become a competent TEFL teacher.

Our one-of-a-kind live-teaching scholarships make the transition from TEFL training to real teaching as entertaining and as effortless as possible.

We offer budding ESL teachers the most memorable and life-changing way of gaining practical, hands-on classroom experience before committing to a long term teaching position overseas.

With a Premier TEFL live teaching scholarship, you'll study the theory online from home before getting to develop your teaching style, take part in cultural excursions, gain an insider's understanding of a new culture and lifestyle, make lifelong friendships, and travel to dream destinations around Europe.

All you need to do in advance is complete your fully accredited online TEFL training course. Then, your live-teaching practice will kickstart your international career and allow you to have your own once-in-a-lifetime adventures abroad.

How about a paid teaching internship?

With a [Premier TEFL internship](#), you can earn your TEFL certificate and gain paid practical experience teaching abroad all while traveling the world! Our internship placements range from ten weeks to twelve months and allow you to get a taste of living abroad in some of the most popular destinations for teaching English. Plus, you don't need any prior teaching experience, a university degree, or a second language to apply—awesome!



“ Easy to use online course, fun in class teaching experience abroad, and the best tefl certificate prices in the market! Would highly recommend! ”

TEFL internships – Here’s how it works:

Get oriented! Our orientation package starts with meeting your in-country coordinator to ensure you feel confident about the months ahead.

We’ll immerse you into the culture from the get-go and review invaluable teaching techniques. You can socialize with other teachers, explore, and start practicing your Mandarin, Spanish, or Thai.

During TEFL internships, accommodation and (often) weekday meals are provided. Your days off are purely your own time—take advantage of the incredible sights, sounds, and... flavors! Once you’ve finished your internship, there’s more time to travel in-country if you so choose.

Whether you see yourself in a language academy in sunny Spain or improving the spoken English of high school students in the heart of China, Premier TEFL has the perfect paid teaching internship for you.

You’ll gain more than a new passport stamp. You’ll leave equipped with an accredited TEFL qualification and guidance on your flourishing career!



Check out our internship country guides on our free resources page

FREE GUIDES



“ The chapters are build up nicely. Everything is clear and you can practise with the activities. The tests are good and review the entire chapter. I would recommend Premier tefl to everyone who wants to become a tefl teacher. ”

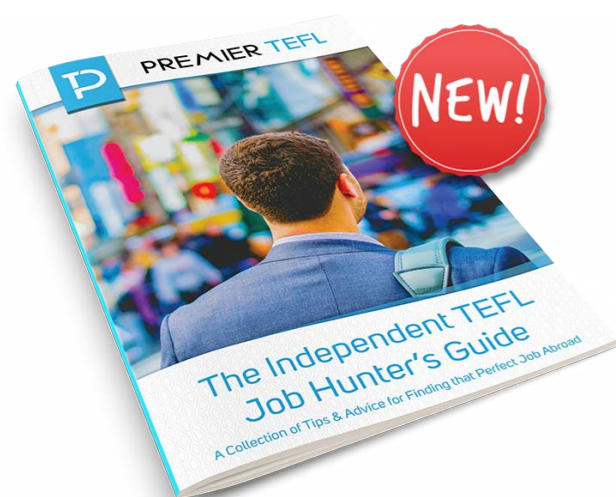
We'll fill you in on TEFL jobs

With Premier TEFL, our in-house recruitment team or our partners will manage your application and interviews. Many of our [TEFL jobs](#) are supported, meaning you can trust we'll take care of the fine print. We do our best to offer the best for you to start your TEFL job.

What's included with TEFL jobs? Most don't just come with a teaching role and a salary; there are normally a host of other benefits that make your job really enjoyable, ensuring you get the best out of your time abroad. For instance, Premier TEFL job packages can include:

- Competitive monthly salary
- Bonus for contract completion
- Flight reimbursement
- Accommodation & meals
- Time off to explore
- Airport pick-up & orientation on arrival
- Visa guidance

Your job as a TEFL teacher will open the door to worldwide travel and the chance to change the lives of the people you teach. If you aren't TEFL qualified yet, don't worry—with Premier TEFL courses you can get sorted in as little as 3 weeks!



Everything you need to know about getting the best TEFL job for you

[GET THE GUIDE!](#)



“ I liked that I could work at my own pace. I was finishing up my ba in Japanese so my schedule would have been too hectic to take a tefl class at my college. Already have a job offer for this fall to teach in the Japanese countryside. ”

DEPARTURES



Want to talk more about TEFL?

We're here to make sure you have the best TEFL experience and get you living the life you've always dreamed of abroad!

Contact us with any questions - we'll help you get there.

Not yet booked with us?

To find out more about our TEFL courses, scholarships, and internships, e-mail us or just [request a free call-back!](#)

We'd love to hear from you!

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