



**TEFL JOBS IN THE**  
**CZECH**  
**REPUBLIC**

**A Guide to Teaching English  
in the Czech Republic**

**PRAGUE**



**PLZEN**



**BRNO**

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Prague is so overwhelmed by experienced TEFL teachers that it can be tricky to find work without years of experience or the help of specialist recruitment consultants. However if you venture out of the capital, working conditions, wages and your chances of finding TEFL jobs increase dramatically.



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## **TEFL Jobs in The Czech Republic: A Little Background**

The number of TEFL teachers living in the capital can make it a little tricky for inexperienced TEFL teachers to find work. One hassle-free way for inexperienced TEFL teachers to find work in Prague is to take a look at our Czech TEFL Jobs Placement Service. You'll get help finding a place to stay, a decent wage and a contract

with a reputable school in Prague. If you plan to go it alone and don't have previous experience, it may be worth looking outside of the capital. In smaller towns and cities the demand is still high, but there's less competition, cheaper accommodation and a much lower cost of living.

# Opportunities for TEFL Teachers

There are TEFL jobs in both state and private schools in the Czech Republic. State schools usually offer one year fixed contracts with free or heavily subsidized accommodation. There are private schools across the country and this high level of competition has led to relatively high standards. While there are around 20,000

Americans in Prague alone, English language schools in the Czech Republic have no real preference when it comes to accents and welcome teachers from English speaking countries worldwide.



## Our Top Three TEFL Destinations

These are our top three TEFL destinations in the Czech Republic. Each of the cities offer a different insight into teaching English in the Czech Republic, but all have one thing in common: a well developed TEFL jobs market and lots of opportunities to teach English as a foreign language.

### Prague

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### Brno

The historic former capital of Moravia is still the administrative center for all of Southern Moravia and offers a more relaxed pace of life, a lower cost of living and a less congested TEFL jobs market than Prague. So it can be a better choice for people with less teaching experience.



## Plzen

Plzen is the economic, financial and cultural capital of the western Czech Republic. In the last decade or so the city has seen major investment from foreign business and the demand for TEFL teachers has grown. It is also home to Skoda and Pilsener beer, so it's a great choice if you value a decent pint and a good night out on the town!

## Show Me the Money! Wages and Cost of Living in the Czech Republic

### Wages

That depends on where you are but the average salary for a new teacher working in the Czech Republic is around 20,000 to 30,000 Koruna a month. That's around US\$1,060 to US\$1,600.

### Cost of Living

Living in The Czech Republic is very reasonable. Rent ranges from 6,000 to 8,000 Koruna a month (around US\$320 to US\$425). The cost of food and eating out in The Czech Republic is cheap compared its European neighbors, especially the world-renowned beer! A three course meal in a good local restaurant will cost you around 150 Koruna (US\$8).

### Accommodation

The standard of accommodation in the Czech Republic is pretty good. Most teachers live in small apartments or in shared houses, and while they probably won't have the latest hi-tech appliances or uber-cool furnishings, they will be a comfortable place to live.

### Flight Reimbursement

It is very unusual for your employer to pay for the cost of your flights, however if you negotiate hard enough they may include the cost of your flight as an end of contract bonus.



## Taxes

The amount of tax you pay will depend on how much you earn, but expect around 15-25% of your salary will go towards tax.

## Potential to Save Money

This depends partly on your lifestyle and wages, but hinges on your accommodation expenses. If you're willing to share accommodation, you should be able to save enough money to explore in the holidays (most contracts run for the length of the academic year, so you'll have to use your savings during the summer vacation). Unless you're on a very good wage, or live a very frugal existence, you're unlikely to save more than this.

## How Much TEFL Training is Recommended?

Most schools in the Czech Republic will want to see that you've done at least 120 hours of TEFL study either online, in the classroom, or a mixture of both, especially if you don't have previous teaching experience. These courses will all qualify you to teach in the Czech Republic:



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- ★ <http://www.onlinetefl.com/tefl-courses/combined-tefl-courses-120.html>
- ★ <http://www.onlinetefl.com/tefl-courses/combined-tefl-courses-140.html>
- ★ <http://www.onlinetefl.com/tefl-courses/online-tefl-course-120.html>

## Common Teaching Conditions

Usually teachers in the Czech Republic work for around 18 hours per week in the classroom, with another 10-15 hours per week set aside for class preparation. Most teaching contracts in the Czech Republic last for 12 months, however it is possible to pick up shorter contracts if you do your job hunting while in the country.

## Anything to Be Wary of

It's very difficult to find work between June and September, but you might be able to get a job teaching kids at one of the summer camps in the countryside.



# Working and Visas

## Finding TEFL Jobs from Home

As a rule it's easier to find work once you're in the country, but if you're determined to organize a job before you arrive in-country, take a look at the TEFL job sites listed below for opportunities in the Czech Republic. Most recruiters who accept applications from overseas will interview candidates by phone and email, so you could be lucky enough to arrange a job from home, then fly out safe in the knowledge that there's a job waiting for you.



## Finding TEFL Jobs in the Czech Republic

Looking for work while you're in the Czech Republic can be a great choice, especially for EU citizens. There are loads of recruitment companies and language schools in Prague, Brno and Pízen. It's also worth checking out the local English language newspapers and popping into the British Council for a chat about opportunities. By being on the spot, you'll have a chance to apply for the latest TEFL job vacancies.

## The Hiring Process

If you're applying from home, employers will want you to fill out an application form and/or send in your resume and a covering letter. If they like the look of you, you'll probably be invited to have a Skype interview. After that you may also be invited to the Czech Republic for a final interview before taking up your position. If you're in-country it's a little less formal. You'll usually go to meet one of the school's directors for an informal interview and may be asked to do a demonstration lesson.

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## Getting Your Visa

If you're from another EU country, you can live and work in the Czech Republic for as long as you want without a visa; you simply have to register with the Alien and Border Police if you plan to stay for more than a month. Officially, Non-EU nationals need to get their work visa in advance. However, many come on a tourist visa and then change their status by leaving and re-entering the country once they've found work. Their employer will also need to arrange a work permit.



## Requirements for a Working Visa:

- ★ Birth certificate
- ★ No criminal record
- ★ Proof of accommodation
- ★ Job offer

## Useful Links

[www.eslcafe.com](http://www.eslcafe.com)  
[www.eslbase.com](http://www.eslbase.com)  
[www.tefl.com](http://www.tefl.com)  
[www.tefl.net](http://www.tefl.net)  
[www.eslemployment.com](http://www.eslemployment.com)



## Useful Books

### Teaching English Abroad by Susan Griffith

This is something of a Bible for TEFLers and will give you all the info you'll need to get started.



