



TEFL JOBS IN INDONESIA

**A Guide to Teaching
English in Indonesia**



JAKARTA

BALI

YOGYAKARTA

Although it's perhaps not an obvious choice, Indonesia has become one of the major players in the TEFL jobs market in Asia. It's the fourth most populous nation on the planet, so there are lots of potential students. The demand is mainly driven by the oil business in cities such as Jakarta and Bandung and by tourism in places like Bali and Sumatra.



TEFL Jobs in Indonesia: A Little Background

Indonesia is one of the biggest nations on the planet, and since the democratic elections of 2004 it is more politically stable than it has been in years. The demand for English teachers is largely driven by the oil business, so people with experience of, or a certificate in, teaching business English have a great chance of landing a well-paid TEFL job.

While the TEFL jobs market in Indonesia is dominated by large chain schools such as English First and Wall Street International, there are a growing number of smaller language institutes popping up around the country. There are also a few opportunities to teach in universities and state schools, although the wages are often a little lower than in the private sector.





Opportunities for TEFL Teachers

The sheer number of Indonesians looking to learn English means there is always a considerable demand for people with a TEFL certificate. A degree is required. You'll need to be a native English speaker in order to get a work permit, but many schools will help you with the application process.



Our Top Three TEFL Destinations

These are our top three TEFL destinations in Indonesia. They all offer plenty of TEFL jobs and opportunities to teach English, but that's where the similarities end.

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Jakarta

Jakarta is Indonesia's huge, frenetic capital and the first stop for many people looking to teach English in Indonesia. It is the country's financial, commercial and political center and the demand for English teachers is huge and growing all the time.

Bali

Bali is one of the planet's top travel destinations, and where tourism leads, English language schools tend to follow. By teaching English in Bali, you'll get to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth and fund your travels around the archipelago.

Yogyakarta

Situated in Java, Yogyakarta is the center for traditional Javanese art and culture. It is also a hub for higher education and offers plentiful opportunities for TEFL teachers, especially in the growing number of private language schools that have sprung up in the last few years.



Show Me the Money!

Wages and Cost of Living in Indonesia

Wages



How much you can earn varies depending on where you teach in Indonesia and who you work for. However, qualified TEFL teachers can earn anything up to 10million Rupiah a month (around US\$1,100) and the low cost of living means you'll be able to live very comfortably.

Cost of Living

Living in Indonesia is very reasonable. Rent ranges from just 1 to 2million Rupiah. Eating out is incredibly cheap: a three course meal can cost as little as 100,000 Rupiah.

Accommodation

The standard of accommodation in Indonesia is pretty good, with most apartments and houses coming with maid service and air conditioning, however accommodation in rural areas can be more basic.

Flight Reimbursement

Employers in Indonesia will usually pay you back the cost of your flights as a bonus after you've completed your contract. It's worth checking this when you negotiate your contract.

Taxes

How much tax you pay depends on how much you earn, but as a rule you can expect to pay taxes of around 5% of your salary.

Potential to Save Money

Given the high salaries and low cost of living, it's possible to save on as little as 7million Rupiah (US\$780) a month. But if you work outside the big cities and party less, you can save more!





How Much TEFL Training is Recommended?

Most schools in Indonesia 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 Indonesia:


- ★ <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

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Anything to Be Wary of?



It is possible to sneakily bypass visa requirements by teaching English in return for living with families in more remote areas. But Indonesia's work permit regulations are strict, and dodging them could see you deported and barred from the country for life.

Working and Visas

Most teachers enter Indonesia on a tourist visa, then the school arranges a working visa during your first few weeks in Indonesia. This involves a trip to the Indonesian embassy in Singapore, which is usually paid for by your school. Alternatively you can apply for your visa from your home country after getting a job offer from a school in Indonesia. Your employer will help you with this.

Finding TEFL Jobs from Home

Perhaps the easiest way to set up a TEFL Job in Indonesia is to take a look at the i-to-i TEFL jobs placement service in Indonesia: you'll get good wages, subsidized accommodation and the cost of your flights paid back once you've completed your contract. If you want to go it alone, there are a number of schools that recruit internationally. Most of these companies interview candidates by phone, so it is possible to set up a job at home and then fly out safe in the knowledge that you'll have a job ready and waiting for you.



Finding TEFL Jobs in Indonesia

You can enter Indonesia on a tourist visa, find a job then take a cheap flight across the border to Singapore to get your work visa. Take a look at the useful links section below for some useful websites. Check out the English language newspaper (the Jakarta Post). Trawl through the local Yellow Pages. But whatever you do make sure you dress smartly: appearance is very important to Indonesians.

The Hiring Process

If you're applying from home, employers will want you to fill out an application form and/or send in your CV/resume and a covering letter. If they like the look of you, you'll probably be invited to have a Skype interview. After that it'll hopefully be a job offer! If you're in-country it's a little less formal, usually you'll 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

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Requirements for a Working Visa:

- ★ English speaker from the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or the UK
- ★ A University degree
- ★ A TEFL certificate
- ★ A definite job offer
- ★ Passport from a native English-speaking country

Useful Links

www.eslcafe.com
www.eslbase.com
www.tefl.com
www.tefl.net
www.esemployment.com



Useful Books

Teaching English Abroad by Susan Griffith

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



