

How to apply for an overseas English teaching position as a new graduate in Australia

The high and extensive Australian educational standards means that our teachers are highly regarded abroad and frequently secure positions in primary, secondary and higher education institutions. However, when considering teaching in a country that is completely different from your own culture, it is important to have as much knowledge of that country as possible. In addition to logistical factors [accommodation, food, language, etc.], you may be expected to respond to conditions and methods [techniques, procedures] that you do not expect or feel comfortable with.

Teaching English in different countries

Today, English is an indisputable global language for international business and politics, and English proficiency is highly sought around the world, as are qualified English teachers. There are three main ways to apply for an English education position abroad:

1. There are some countries that have well-known government-sponsored programs designed to attract native English speakers. These include the JET Program (Japan), EPIK (Korea), Auxiliares de Conversación (Spain), TAPIF (France), and English Open Doors (Chile).
2. Many private teaching academies may offer a position as an English teacher. However, these academies require teachers to have an English-teaching qualification such as a TEFL diploma.
3. Teacher Exchange.
 - Queensland
The Department of Education International offers students, teachers, education leaders and schools in Queensland a variety of immersive global programs and opportunities throughout the school year.
 - New South Wales
As a long-term program, New South Wales offers public school teachers the opportunity to exchange education allocations and accommodation for a year with teachers from similar locations abroad.
 - Northern Territory
Northern Territory teachers have the opportunity to exchange with teachers from other schools in Australia and abroad.
 - NSW / ACT Independent Education Union
This popular program is currently suspended in 2021 due to a coronavirus pandemic.
 - South Australia
Currently, information is only available from LearnLink. You can also find information from the South Australian Exchange Teacher League.