

6 reasons you should do a TEFL course

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Are you looking for an exciting career change that involves working with people? As a bonus, you'd like something that includes travel and the opportunity to save some money. Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) allows you to do exactly this! TEFL, TEFL, CELTA - the name may differ, but the qualification is the same. Here are 6 reasons you should do a TEFL course:



1. You love languages and helping people

Whether it's language you love or just the idea of helping others, TEFL will give you a chance to do both. Many parents invest a lot of money in lessons for their children. However, there are also a number of volunteer programmes where you can teach English in rural parts of the world.

2. You want a fresh challenge

Teaching English as a foreign language isn't a regular 9-5 job. The hours may change from school to school, and students' needs will keep you on your toes. It's a job that requires creativity and good problem-solving skills – and one you're sure to find challenging in the best of ways.

3. You want to travel

If you're fresh out of university and ready to explore the world, a TEFL will help you to do so. Even if you've been working for several years, this certificate will give you the freedom to travel while earning money. English is in great demand across the globe, so the number of jobs available is high.

4. You want to save money

While teaching English is certainly not a get-rich-quick scheme, it's also not poorly paid in many countries. Jobs in Asia and the Middle East are particularly well paid. Salary is determined by qualification, experience and location – but, overall, it's not bad.

5. Experience other cultures

If meeting new people and exploring new places appeals to you, a TEFL is a must! Whether you teach in a non-English-speaking country or an English-speaking one, you'll constantly interact with students from around the world. You won't only be sharing their culture either – you may just end up learning a new language!

6. Boost your CV

Even if you never actually teach English after completing a TEFL, the skills you'll acquire on the course are versatile. A TEFL course – and teaching abroad – adds a lot of value to your CV, improving your employability. Just think of the communication and leadership skills you'll learn, cross-cultural engagement and possibly even a second language.

With most employers looking for a minimum of a 120-hour TEFL course with teaching practice, Wits Language School provides exactly this with options to suit all schedules. Apply for our next course – you won't regret it!

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