
How can we help you?

For international teachers, working in the UK allows you the flexibility to experience teaching and living in the UK while being able to travel around Europe and visit amazing places like Paris, Barcelona, Munich, and Ireland that are just a 1-2 hour flight away from the UK.

If you are considering joining the thousands of international teachers already here, TeacherActive will be on hand to support you every step of the way before you get here and after you arrive. It's a daunting prospect moving to the UK but never fear! You'd be one of thousands of like-minded individuals coming to the UK to start their European adventure. It's highly likely that the schools where you'll be working will not only have a very active social calendar but there will also be people who are doing the same thing as you.

TeacherActive prides itself in the support network that we provide all of our teachers and support staff and our specialist relocation consultants will be on hand to answer any questions regarding accommodation, visas, bank accounts etc.....

It isn't just support we can offer you – but also the opportunity to teach across the whole of the UK to suit your personal requirements. We work with over 2,000 different schools in 18 different locations so we can ensure that you will be working in a school that will support your career whilst here and provide the right opportunity for you in the right school. We can place you into a variety of positions with schools from one day through, a full academic year or permanent / sponsorship opportunities. Whatever your needs and whatever you want to achieve while in the UK, we can help.

In addition we strongly believe that the social and life experiences you will get whilst being here is what will make your trip memorable. Meeting likeminded international teachers at our regular social events and parties is a great way to meet new friends while you are here. Travelling is also very popular and will provide you with a lifetime of memories visiting places like Oktoberfest, Gallipoli, Dublin, the Eiffel Tower, La Tomatina, Leaning Tower of Pisa, The Colosseum, Venice and much much more!

Why join our Relocation Programme?

As a member of the TeacherActive team, you can expect to enjoy the following benefits:

- Market-leading daily rates of pay including tax benefits
- An opportunity to gain a long term contract prior to your arrival in the UK
- FREE flights to the UK up to a value of \$1,000
- Guaranteed Pay Schemes
- Help finding accommodation and best flight prices
- Assistance with setting up a UK bank account and NI number
- Support and guidance from your dedicated relocation consultant
- High level support from one of the largest UK education agencies and the school itself
- Opportunity to enhance and develop as a teacher
- Assistance / advice on relocation and travel

[Click here](#) to see a full list of our most recent jobs in London and throughout the UK

Living in the UK

Where to live?

One of the advantages of working through TeacherActive is the options that are available to you regarding where to live. Not only do we have offices across the whole of the UK but more importantly we work with thousands of schools that will want to speak to you about working at their school. Many teachers will want to live in London but more and more teachers are now choosing other locations that may be more cost effective but still provide their desired lifestyle. Our specialist relocation team will help you decide which area suits you and your preferences whilst living here. We believe that offering you a variety of places to live will ultimately provide you with the best experience.

Accommodation

Most people decide to rent or house share. There's a huge choice of flats and other properties to choose from and TeacherActive can give you invaluable advice on how to arrange temporary accommodation before you arrive. As a new visitor to the UK it's definitely worth spending some time in temporary accommodation before committing to a rental contract to make sure that you get it right for you. TeacherActive have excellent links with local estate agents to help.

Finance

TeacherActive can help you open a UK bank account to receive your wages each week. UK tax and National Insurance will be deducted directly from your weekly pay. This is termed PAYE (Pay As You Earn).

Can I teach in the UK?

In the UK there is a huge demand for qualified teachers particularly from Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and Canada. Whatever your situation let us know and we can advise you on the likelihood of finding a teaching job in the UK.

You must have qualified teacher status (QTS) to take up a teaching post in England; this is awarded by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL). If you qualified in **European Economic Area (EEA)** then your qualification will be recognised in England

Teachers qualified in **Australia, New Zealand, Canada** and **Ireland** must apply to the NCTL before you can be recognised as holding QTS. Please click on this link for the NCTL online application form <https://teacherservices.education.gov.uk/>

If you qualified outside of these countries then you will need to complete an accredited training programme. You can find further information on www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/teacher-training-options

Will I need a Visa?

The short answer is yes. The easiest way to get a short term two year visa is to apply for a Youth Mobility Visa (YMV). Please contact TeacherActive for more information or visit www.gov.uk/tier-5-youth-mobility/overview. If you reside outside the EEA or those countries above, or cannot qualify for a Youth Mobility Visa then you can seek more guidance from the Government's website: www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Working in UK Schools

The UK has a multi-cultural and diverse society. Of course things will be different and it will take time to adapt, but that's part of the beauty of teaching in a different country.

The National Curriculum offers some subject specific guidance which we'd recommend you look at. Please click the link for redirection to their website – www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/overview
At TeacherActive we will ensure that you will be completely prepared for life teaching in the UK. If you have any questions about working in a UK school then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Term dates & structure of the UK education system

In the UK there are three school terms:

Term 1: The Autumn term – This term starts on the first week of September and finishes late December.

Term 2: The Spring term – This term begins the first week of January and finishes at Easter

Term 3: The Summer term – This term begins after Easter and finishes late July

The UK education system is broken up into Key Stages (KS) which look like the following:

Age	Year/Setting	Key Stage
0-3	Children's Centre	EYFS
3-4	Nursery	EYFS
4-5	Reception	EYFS
5-6	Year 1	KS1
6-7	Year 2	KS1
7-8	Year 3	KS2
8-9	Year 4	KS2
9-10	Year 5	KS2
10-11	Year 6	KS2
11-12	Year 7	KS3
12-13	Year 8	KS3
13-14	Year 9	KS3
14-15	Year 10	KS4
15-16	Year 11	KS4
16-17	Year 12	KS5/Post 16
17-18	Year 13	KS5/Post 16