



## **Teaching in Taiwan Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q/A What is the Teaching in Taiwan program?**

This program provides experienced and newly licensed American teachers the opportunity to teach in Taiwanese schools for one academic year. Participants will work with local Taiwanese teachers to develop curriculum and teach English to students in grade levels 1 to 9.

### **Q/A Who is eligible to participate?**

Any licensed American teachers may apply to participate in this program. This includes experienced teachers or new teachers with an initial teaching license. Preference will be given to those applicants who are experienced in teaching English as a native language or teaching English as a second language.

### **Q/A What are the requirements?**

All applicants must:

1. have obtained a bachelor's or higher degree,
2. be a certified teacher,
3. commit to abide by the laws and regulations of Republic of China (Taiwan),
4. be competent in interpersonal and communication skills,
5. demonstrate understanding and be respectful of the local culture.

### **Q/A How do I apply for the program?**

To apply for the Teaching in Taiwan program, you'll need to complete and submit a brief application package. You can get a copy of this application package at <http://www.moetw.org/> (Please look for "Teaching in Taiwan" on the left side of the webpage.)

All applications must be received at the address provided in the application package not later than May 31 each year.

### **Q/A How many teachers will be accepted for this program?**

Each year, a selection committee from Taiwan MOE will choose about 80 teachers to participate in this program.

## **Q/A If I'm selected, how long will I be in Taiwan?**

All teachers selected to participate in this program will sign a 12-month contract with school or local government to teach in Taiwan. The contract runs from August to July of the following year.

## **Q/A What will my work week be like?**

Teachers are required to work 40 hours a week, 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.

## **Q/A What would my responsibilities be in Taiwan?**

Each American teacher will be paired with a Taiwanese classroom teacher.

In addition to providing English language instruction, each American teacher will work with Taiwanese educators to develop a curriculum, prepare lesson plans and teaching materials, conduct classes, and evaluate student progress.

## **Q/A How will I be compensated for my work in Taiwan?**

Teachers hired will receive air fare, monthly salary, housing stipends, health insurance, and labor insurance.

Salaries will be dependent on teaching experience and the level of education. Monthly salary ranging from NT\$62,720 to \$73,025 ( $\approx$  US\$2,000 to \$2,400) for up to 12 months per year

In addition, teachers who have taught for 12 months with annual performance graded "A" are each given an extra month's pay as a bonus. Those whose performances are graded "B" are given an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  month's pay as a bonus.

## **Q/A What are living costs in Taiwan?**

Total expenses for a month could be as little as US\$550, for a single. However, it is more realistic to expect US\$690 to \$850 per month.

## **Q/A Where will I live in Taiwan?**

Schools or local government will help with housing/dormitory arrangement for teachers, whichever is applicable. Otherwise, the rent allowance will be provided as stipends.