

WANT TO TEACH IN NZ?

Interested in teaching in New Zealand? Get a head start with some expert advice to the most popular questions asked...



A class of Year 1 pupils at a 'full' primary school in Wellington

Whether you're a traveller looking for an adventurous working holiday, or looking to immigrate to New Zealand permanently, New Zealand currently has openings for Early Childhood Education (ECE), Primary and Secondary school teachers. The implementation of some recent government initiatives means that for many overseas trained teachers it's now cheaper and more streamlined than ever before to teach in New Zealand.

WHERE IS THE DEMAND?

The most in-demand subjects in New Zealand are Secondary Science (chemistry, physics and biology),

Mathematics, Technology (hard and resistant materials, DVC (Design and Visual Communication) and graphics, digital media and electronics), English and ICT/ Computing.

Primary teachers for daily relief (supply), fixed term and permanent teaching roles are most in demand in Auckland and Wellington.

ECE teachers for daily relief, guaranteed relief, fixed term and permanent teaching roles are also in demand in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, as are Sign Language and Special Education Teachers.

WHERE DO I START?

There are four different New Zealand

government agencies which each play a role in helping overseas teachers teach in NZ, and you'll need to apply to either three or four of them directly.

These are the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (to have your offshore qualifications assessed), the Teaching Council (to apply to be a registered teacher in NZ), Education Payroll (to submit a salary assessment once you have a job offer), and Immigration New Zealand (to secure a visa which entitles you to work in NZ).

You should also get in touch with an experienced recruitment consultant to ensure that you're getting accurate and current information about the teaching job market. The consultants at ed. education (EP) know their client schools well and what kinds of teachers their schools are looking for.

Additionally, the team have the expertise to support the employing schools with some of the required documentation you need for a work visa.

WHAT PAPERWORK MUST I COMPLETE?

The New Zealand Qualifications

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Authority (NZQA) now has a list of 'Pre-Approved Overseas Teaching Qualifications' which makes life much easier for many to teach in New Zealand.

If your initial teacher education qualification is on this list, and you fulfil the other exempt requirements, you may not need to have your qualifications assessed. If your qualifications are not exempt from assessment, you'll need to submit an online application form for an International Qualifications Assessment (IQA), and upload the required documentation (all of which needs to be colour photo-copied and scanned).

NZQA will compare the content of your initial teacher education qualification to what is required in New Zealand, and reach one of two outcomes – either that this qualification meets the core knowledge requirements of a New Zealand initial teacher education qualification; or that this qualification

does not meet the core knowledge requirements of a New Zealand initial teacher education qualification. The IQA will also tell you the level at which your qualification sits on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

If your qualifications don't need to be assessed because they are listed on NZQA's pre-approved list, you can apply directly to the Teaching Council as a first step.

Download and complete the correct application form (for overseas trained teachers applying to teach in New Zealand for the first time, complete the EC15 form).

The application form contains a completion guide, a checklist, and list of required documentation. They require hard copies of certified copies of most documents. If you follow their step-by-step guide and send all the required documents, you can't go wrong!

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

As part of a teacher supply and retention package, there are some initiatives to help streamline the process for overseas teachers coming to teach in New Zealand. This means that it could be quicker and cheaper for you to teach in New Zealand than ever before! You may be eligible for one of the overseas relocation grants, of up to NZ\$5,000 (£2,612) for school teachers, or NZ\$3,000 for ECE teachers. There are a few conditions for these. 🇳🇿



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A class of Year 7 and Year 8 students in New Zealand