

MIDDLE EAST

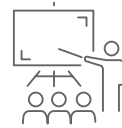
TEFL Key Facts

- ✓ Native English speaker
- ✓ TEFL certification - usually Trinity TESOL, CELTA or recognised Level 5 qualification.
- ✓ Higher qualifications may be required for some posts
- ✓ Minimum of 2 years' TEFL teaching experience
- ✓ Clear criminal records check



TYPICAL JOBS

- Private language centres
- Public schools
- Private tuition



TYPICAL STUDENTS

- Business professionals
- Children

» This is one region you really can make serious money from TEFL



PEAK HIRING PERIODS

- All year round with down periods in main Islamic holidays
- Most schools recruit Feb up to the start of the school year in Aug/Sept



VISA REQUIREMENTS

- Work visa / permit normally required
- Employers should provide documentation and will usually cover costs for visa applications



GOOD TO KNOW

Interview and visa application processes can be extremely lengthy, so apply well in advance. It's also worth knowing that teaching can be segregated by gender.

Fact file:
**POPULAR
 DESTINATIONS**



BAHRAIN

Age
Under 60

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Native speaker

Hiring Process
Phone/video

Contract
12 months

Pay
\$1,500-\$3,000

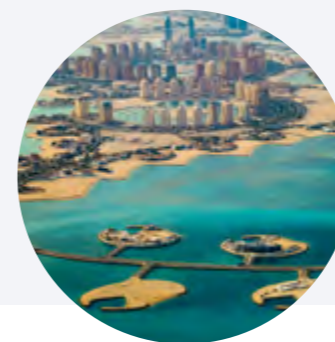
Visa
Work

Monthly costs
\$650-\$1,000*

MA desirable

Teaching/education
 background preferred

*Excl. rent as housing,
 flights & insurance
 usually included



QATAR

Age
Under 60

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Native speaker

Hiring Process
Phone/video

Contract
12 months

Pay
\$1,500-\$4,000

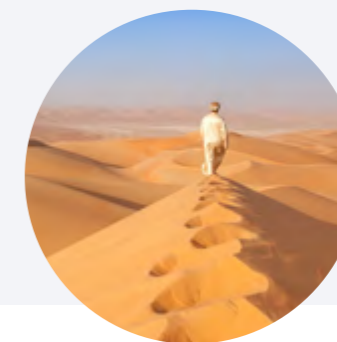
Visa
Work

Monthly costs
\$800-\$1,000*

MA desirable

Teaching/education
 background preferred

*Excl. rent as housing,
 flights & insurance
 usually included



SAUDI ARABIA

Age
21-60

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Native speaker

Hiring Process
Phone/video

Contract
12 months

Pay
\$2,000-£4,500

Visa
Resident's permit/work

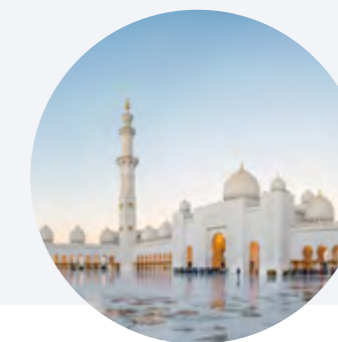
Monthly costs
\$600-\$1,000*

MA desirable

Teaching/education
 background preferred

Teacher must be
 same gender as class

*Excl. rent as housing,
 flights & insurance
 usually included



UAE

Age
21-65

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Native speaker

Hiring Process
Phone/video

Contract
24-36 months

Pay
\$2,000-\$5,000

Visa
Work

Monthly costs
\$1,000-\$2,000*

MA desirable

Teaching/education
 background preferred

*Excl. rent as housing,
 flights & insurance
 usually included



MORE ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST..

The Middle East countries are renowned for their brilliant pay packages, with fantastic benefits such as healthcare, accommodation and airfares usually offered on top of an already excellent tax-free salary.

Unsurprisingly, these highly attractive salaries have led to an extremely competitive TEFL market - meaning it's not the place to look for your first TEFL job. While technically there are relatively few restrictions on teaching English in the Middle East, the allure of high pay means that a Bachelor's degree, TEFL certification and a couple of years of teaching experience are pretty much the minimum requirements for your CV.

It's also worth being aware that the Gulf States are not for everyone. For starters, you'll be bombarded by super intense heat every time you step outside and extreme air-conditioning when you head indoors. Perhaps more significantly, you may find the culture challenging, particularly if you're used to the comparatively liberal standards of western democracies. Women, including foreigners, are expected to cover up in public, there is a fair amount of gender segregation and actions such as kissing or drinking alcohol in public can get you into a lot of trouble. Don't let this put you off too much however. As long as you respect the culture, you can live and work here safely and gain an insight into a fascinatingly different way of living.

In fact, there's a lot more to the Gulf States than desert, high pay and strict rules. This region has a long and fascinating history, with ancient settlements dating back several millennia. And if that's not enough, you'll find some stunning beach resorts, adrenaline-racing desert activities and luxurious shopping expeditions to help you fill your non-teaching hours. TEFL in the Gulf States is an experience you won't forget.