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TEACHING ONLINE
GUIDE FOR
SOUTH AFRICANS



LET'S GET STARTED...

Hi, there! And welcome to your one-stop guide to teaching English online for South Africans.

As you may already know, the world of TEFL can be a difficult one to navigate. So, we've created this go-to guide to give you the best advice and support to help you find your way through the TEFL maze.

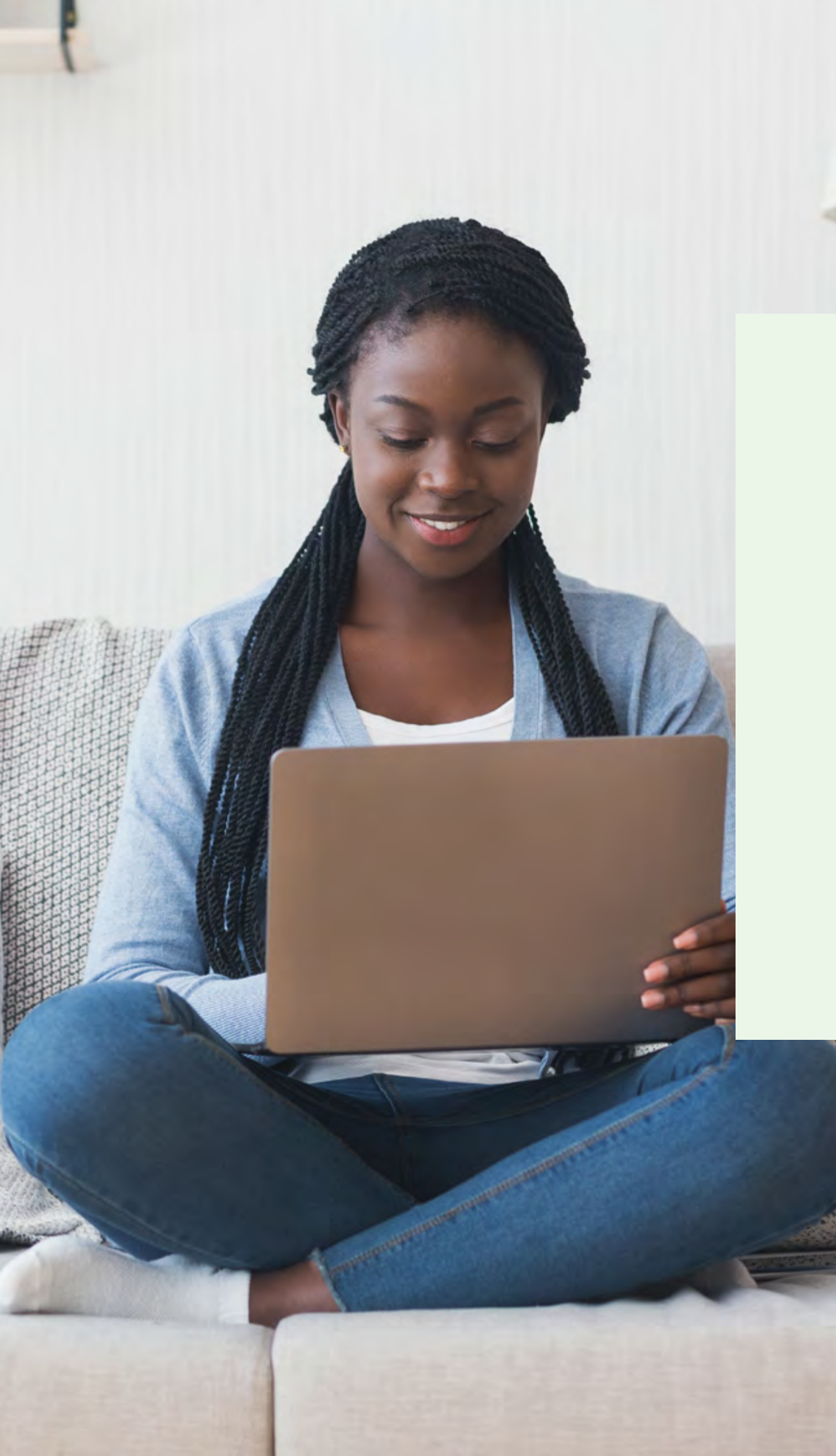
Read on for details on eligibility, TEFL courses, teaching online jobs, requirements, and how to get started...

Happy TEFLing!

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FIRST THINGS FIRST:

What is TEFL?

TEFL stands for Teaching English as a Foreign Language, and this means teaching the English language to those who don't speak it - TEFL started out for those who wanted to teach abroad, however now almost half of all TEFL jobs are for online TEFL teachers!

Teaching English online is a great way for South Africans to earn a full time income from the comfort of their own home! Teaching English online is an accessible career option for anyone who has a PC/laptop, internet connections and a TEFL qualification - that's where we come in!

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1 WHY TEACH ONLINE?

Teaching English online is one of the fastest growing areas of TEFL and hasn't shown any sign of slowing down!

As an online TEFL teacher, you can teach English from anywhere in the world, or simply the comfort of your own home! In fact, teaching English online is one of the most flexible careers out there, you get to choose when you work, how often you work, and how much you earn!

What's more - with a TEFL qualification in your back pocket and some experience, you've got the option to teach a variety of different types of English and can earn up to ZAR400+ an hour!

» *What do I need to teach online?*

That's easy! All you need to get started is a laptop/PC with a webcam, internet connection, and a TEFL qualification. Many online TEFL employers don't require their teachers to have any experience, so you can start applying for jobs as soon as you have your TEFL certificate in your hand!

VISIT THE TEFL JOBS BOARD >>

Check out the below TEFL jobs boards to view and apply for teaching positions online:

LoveTEFL: <https://lovetefljobs.com/>

Dave's ESL Cafe: <http://www.eslcafe.com/>

TEFL.com: <https://www.tefl.com/>

Is teaching online for you?

TEACHING ONLINE IS GREAT IF YOU'RE...

- At least 18 years old
- Fluent in English (ideally a native English speaker)
- Want a flexible career
- Ready to pass on a valuable skill
- Willing to train to be a TEFL teacher
- Want to earn from home

TEACHING ONLINE MAY NOT BE FOR YOU IF YOU...

- Are less than 18 years old
- Struggle with written or spoken English
- Don't want to invest time in training to be a TEFL teacher



TOP TIP: You don't need prior teaching experience to start a career in TEFL!

» Teaching online is an amazing way of earning an extra income around your current work, studies, or current lifestyle!

[BROWSE OUR COURSES >>](#)



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WHAT DO I NEED?

Before you can start teaching English online, there are a few things you'll need to make sure you have. These include:

- A fluent level of English - this means you'll need to be able to speak English at a native or near-native level
- An accredited TEFL qualification from a reputable course provider (like i-to-i!)
- A laptop/PC
- Strong internet connection
- Webcam
- Quiet area of your home to teach

If you've got all of these, congratulations - you're ready to start teaching English online!

» If you're not sure whether your level of English is good enough, you can call our TEFL experts on 021 300 2852 and they'll be happy to advise you.



REQUEST A CALLBACK >>



Do I need to pass any exams to become an online teacher?

Reputable online TEFL employers will expect you to have completed a TEFL certification course. This will provide you with a solid grounding in teaching methodology and train you how to plan and deliver effective TEFL lessons.

TEFL courses are normally assessed through short knowledge tests, written assignments and/or observation of teaching practice rather than formal exams. A good TEFL course will be very practical. It will enable you to gain the skills you need to successfully gain your TEFL certification and be ready for your first TEFL job.

» Pro tip: If you want to make your CV/resume stand out from the crowd, we'd suggest taking a TEFL course with specialist training in teaching online, like our Level 5 500-hr Advanced TEFL Diploma!

How much does it cost to train to be a TEFL teacher?

TEFL training doesn't need to break the bank. Prices vary considerably, based on the level of course, whether you want to study online or in a classroom environment and who is delivering the course. If you're happy to study online, you can find a good quality, regulated Level 3 TEFL certification course for as little as R2,000. At the other end of the scale, a classroom-based CELTA course could set you back around R30,000.



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GETTING TEFL QUALIFIED

Before you start applying for online teaching jobs, you'll need to have a recognised TEFL qualification under your belt to prove to employers that you're ready to teach and you've had the relevant training.

If you choose to get your TEFL qualification with i-to-i, you can rest assured that your qualification will be [accredited and regulated by the UK Government, approved by the US government \(through DEAC\)](#), and recognised and respected by employers from around the world.

We offer a basic [120-hour TEFL Course](#) which is the bare minimum you'd need to land an online TEFL job. However, if you want to get the best training, have access to higher paying online jobs, and want to make your CV/resume stand out from the crowd, we'd suggest taking our [500-hour Level 5 Advanced TEFL Diploma](#). It includes specialist training in teaching English online!"

» *Did you know?*

For South Africans taking our TEFL courses, we offer [Classroom Courses in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, Pretoria](#) and [Port Elizabeth](#) - just pick the location closest to you and reserve your place!



» Perfect if you're a non-native speaker or want access to volunteer work or starter TEFL positions

Level 3 120 hour TEFL Course

What's on offer?

- 120 hours of basic TEFL training
- UK Government-regulated qualification
- Support and feedback from highly qualified tutors
- Flexible online studying 24/7
- Affordable and accessible
- Choice of online or combination training

[See Level 3 Course »](#)



HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR TEFL COURSE

» Perfect if you're fluent in English, want to set up your own online TEFL business or want access to the highest paying TEFL roles

Level 5 500 hour Advanced TEFL Diploma

What's on offer?

- 180 hours of comprehensive Level 5 TEFL training
- PLUS Specialist training in Teaching One-to-One and Online
- AND 5 additional specialist modules: Teaching Business English, Teaching Other Subjects in English, Coaching IELTS, How to set up a TEFL business, and How to market yourself as a TEFL freelancer
- UK Government-regulated and US Government-approved qualification
- Support and feedback from DELTA-qualified tutors
- Respected and recognised by employers from all over the world
- Boost your earnings and employment potential
- Learn how to freelance and build your own TEFL business

[See Level 5 Advanced Diploma »](#)





FINDING WORK ONLINE

When it comes to finding an online TEFL job, it can be really confusing as there are so many different online companies out there! To make things easier for you, we've narrowed down the top online TEFL employers for South African passport-holders and what the requirements are to teach with them!



FOR DEGREE HOLDERS

Company name	Requirements
Learntalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No experience needed - Bachelor's Degree in any subject - No minimum hours required
Alter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No experience needed - BA Degree or a Teaching Diploma or have at least 2 years of a degree completed, in any subject - Minimum 10 hours per week required
iTutorGroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1+ years experience required - Bachelor's Degree in any subject - Minimum 10 hours per week required



FOR NON-DEGREE HOLDERS

Company name	Requirements
Cambly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No experience needed - No degree needed - No minimum hours required
Preply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No experience needed - No degree needed - Minimum 5 hours per week required





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FREELANCING ONLINE

Once you're qualified, you'll have the option of teaching for a company, or becoming a freelancer and working for yourself!

Online tutors can either be their own boss, decide their own hours, set their own rates of pay and advertise to find their own students on freelance teaching websites. Or, you can apply for work with a language school and they'll do all the hard work for you.

The only downside to working for a language school is that you'd have your rates set for you - and sometimes, your working hours too. Your decision's never set in stone, so if you decide you want to freelance, you can always change your mind and work for a language school instead - and vice versa.

Want to have the option of freelancing in the future? Then check out our [Level 5 500-hour Advanced TEFL Diploma](#), which has specialist training on how to run a TEFL business and how to market yourself as a TEFL freelancer!



MORE ABOUT TEACHING ONLINE >>

HOW MUCH CAN I EARN?

Remember!

The amount you'll earn depends on three main factors:

1. Which school you're teaching through
2. How many students are in the sessions
3. How many times a week you're teaching



TYPE OF WORK	HOW MUCH CAN I EARN?
General or conversational English	R80-R450+ per lesson R12,000-R72,000+ per month*
Business English	R300-R700+ per lesson R4,800-R112,00+ per month*
Examination preparation	R300-R600+ per lesson R4,800-R96,000+ per month*
Job interview coaching	R200-R500+ per lesson R32,000-R80,000+ per month*
English lessons for specific nationalities	R150-R300+ per lesson R20,000-R48,000+ per month*

*based on full-time hours

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TEACHING ONLINE RESOURCES

SKYPE

www.skype.com

Can't wait to start teaching English online? Download Skype for free and you can immediately hold face-to-face sessions worldwide. All that's left to do is invest in some headphones / microphone to ensure your audio quality and set up PowerPoint to allow you to screen share materials with your students. And that's it. Your online classroom is ready to go!

BRITISH COUNCIL

www.teachingenglish.org.uk

Looking for inspiration for those online lessons? The British Council's Teaching English website is packed full of articles, downloadable resources, videos and much more. You can also join the Teaching English Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TeachingEnglish.BritishCouncil>) to chat and share tips with other teachers worldwide. The perfect place to start!

BUSY TEACHER

www.busyteacher.org

Busy Teacher has thousands of worksheets and activities that you can download immediately, for free. Simply one of the best sites you'll find for TEFL online, whether you're teaching English in a real or virtual classroom. Yes please!

BREAKING NEWS ENGLISH

www.breakingnewsenglish.com

If you want to add a current affairs flavour to your lessons, this site is your new best friend. New lessons are added every couple of days based on a story that's in the news. You can pick out individual activities or download a full mini-lesson.



» Did you know?

We also have a TEFL blog with lots of helpful information, tips, lesson plans, and much more that will help you on your TEFL journey!



STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Your 6-step guide to landing your dream job teaching English online!

1

Enrol onto a regulated TEFL course to start your teaching online journey! Check out our [Level 5 Advanced TEFL Diploma](#) to get started!

2

Boost your skills, knowledge and CV/resume with specialist TEFL training in teaching English online. Or, take it one step further and get some real online teaching practice with our practice session!

3

Get your home office set up! Make sure you have a quite area set up in your home for teaching online. If you're teaching children we'd advise getting a colourful background and lots of props!

4

Complete your TEFL course and start applying for jobs! Get in touch with our Jobs Support Team on info@lovetefljobs.com for help with your application, CV/resume, and interview!

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Wow your interviewer with your TEFL knowledge and smash your demo lesson/online application !

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Land your dream job teaching English online and never look back! Happy TEFLing!

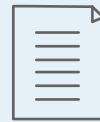
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