



Teaching in Taiwan

Special Opportunity: *The Ministry of Education in Taiwan is recruiting teachers for travel to Taiwan in August 2013. These placements are for 11 months, returning to the United States in June 2014. The deadline for applications is **May 30, 2013.***

Q: What is the Teaching in Taiwan program?

A: This program provides elementary and middle school teachers the opportunity to teach English to students in Taiwan for one academic year.

Q: When would I go to Taiwan? How long is the contract?

A: Teaching contracts are from 10 to 11 months, depending on your placement. It would require teachers to travel to Taiwan in early August 2013.

Q: What would my responsibilities be in Taiwan?

A: Each teacher will be paired with a Taiwanese classroom teacher. In addition to providing English language instruction, teachers will work with Taiwanese educators to develop curriculum, prepare lesson plans and teaching materials, conduct classes, and evaluate student progress.

Q: Who is eligible to participate?

A: Teachers with one of the following credentials may apply to participate:

- Elementary certification in K-3, K-8 or 1-8;
- Certification in foreign language or reading;
- Early childhood license;
- Middle childhood license with a reading and language arts concentration;
- Multi-age license in bilingual education, foreign language or TESOL;
- An endorsement of a teacher license in bilingual education, literacy specialist, middle childhood generalist, reading or TESOL;
- Pass a health examination, and have no criminal record.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Complete the application packet. Select three (3) people to serve as references and give each a copy of the reference form from the application packet to complete and return to you. All application materials, including references and a resume, are due **May 30, 2013**. See application packet for further instructions.

Q: How will I be compensated for my work in Taiwan?

A: The Taiwanese government will provide U.S. teachers with housing stipends and wages. Monthly wages will be dependent on teaching experience and level of education, according to the following schedule (conversion to U.S. dollars is based on the current exchange rate and is subject to change):

- Holders of doctoral degrees: **NT 73,025~91,420 = US \$2,434– \$3,047**
- Holders of master degrees: **NT 69,965~86,820 = US \$2,332 – \$2,894**
- Holders of bachelor degrees: **NT62,720~78,045 = US \$2,090 – \$2,601**

Q: Will I have to buy a plane ticket?

A: The Taiwanese government will provide each teacher (and his/her spouse or child) with a round-trip plane ticket to Taiwan.

Q. What kind of documentation will I need to travel to and work in Taiwan?

A: You will need a current passport, visa, and work permit. It is recommended that all applicants proceed to apply for a passport. It can take several (8-10) weeks to receive a passport once documentation has been submitted.

Q. What if I am selected and have accepted the teaching assignment by the Ministry of Taiwan, but decide not to go after the Ministry purchased the plane ticket?

A: If, for any reason, a teacher cancels after they have **accepted the teaching assignment** and the Ministry of Education purchased on confirmed a plane ticket, the teacher must pay the cancellation fee for the plane ticket (if the ticket has been confirmed) provided by Taiwan's Ministry of Education.

Q. Would a teacher need to resign or request a one-year leave of absence?

A: You need to talk to your school district since hiring decisions are made at the local level.

Q. Does Taiwan provide health insurance?

A: Yes. The cost is about USD \$60 per month. According to the national health insurance system, each one has to pay average 1.47% of income for the health insurance monthly.

Q. Are the visiting teachers required to pay a Taiwan income tax?

A: Yes. Starting in 2012, all K-9 teachers in Taiwan have to pay income tax, including foreign teachers.

By reference to the Income Tax Act of the ROC, the only criteria for deciding the tax character of a foreign taxpayer is the 183-day rule (from January to December of each year), which means a person who physically presented 183 days and more in this country in a taxable year will be classified as a

character of a tax resident and shall be withheld as such (5%) from the day of acquisition. On the other hand, a person who has not spent more than 183 days in one year is considered a non-resident and his withholding rate will be fixed at 18%. The host school in Taiwan will deduct from the salary every month. Any over withheld can be claimed back by filing Individual income tax return with the national tax administration through a refund procedure.

The actual rates/amount will be calculated by and depended on the guidelines of Taiwan's IRS.

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