

Teaching Abroad

Can I do my Induction Year Abroad?

Induction can be served in schools abroad, including British schools abroad.

- [New Teachers – TES](#)
- [GOV.UK](#)

How about in Ireland?

Teachers who complete their teaching qualifications in the UK are required to complete an induction period prior (i.e. a period of post-qualification professional practice (e.g. N.Q.T. or Induction year) to returning to Ireland and seeking recognition. See information from the [Teaching Council](#).

How do I get a teaching job in Ireland?

All school teachers in the Republic of Ireland should be registered with the [Teaching Council](#).

If you qualified to teach outside of Ireland, you must first apply for recognition of your qualifications (UK teaching qualifications are recognised), then apply for registration.

At primary level, you would normally be granted conditional recognition to teach for up to five years, during which time you are required to learn to teach in the Irish language. After this there is a probationary period to gain full recognition.

At post-primary level, EU citizens with recognition in an EU country are granted provisional recognition pending a decision on their application. In some cases, a shortfall in academic or professional qualifications is identified, which must be addressed through an aptitude test or adaptation period within a given timescale; most commonly, this shortfall is in the area of the History & Structure of the Irish Education System and is, usually addressed through an aptitude test. A year's teaching experience is also required for full registration, though it is possible to get a teaching job in Ireland with conditional registration and then go on to complete the required experience.

Please note that for both primary and post-primary level you are required to be a fully qualified teacher in your home country (for example the UK) and that this should include your required post-qualification period of practice such as the NQT or induction year.

Teaching jobs are advertised in local newspapers and online. Applying directly to schools is another important means of getting a teaching job. A list of all schools and their addresses can be found on the [Department of Education and Science website](#).

- Vacancies can also be found at: www.educationcareers.ie

Finally, [Grad Ireland](#) is another resource for learning more about entry level opportunities.

Is a PGCE valid abroad?

A PGCE and subsequent professional qualifications gained after successfully completing the induction year (QTS in England and Wales, SFR in Scotland) do not necessarily qualify you to teach in another country. This depends on where you wish to work as all countries have their own rules and regulations. Most overseas schools will require applicants for teaching posts to have a recognised degree and in practice most jobs would require you to be a fully qualified teacher with experience.

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Some countries do not require an application for recognition to teach in the private sector e.g. France. For others e.g. Greece, you need to apply for recognition in both public and private sector work. Getting recognition does not mean you will find it easy to get a job, as competition may be high. Fluency in the local language will be expected in most countries, except in English medium schools - www.cobis.org.uk.

For specific requirements in non-European countries you will need to contact the teaching professional body for the countries you are interested. Also, be aware that in some countries, e.g. Germany, Canada or the USA, different regions or states operate under different policies so you will need to contact local education departments for information. You will need a working visa or permit for certain countries.

I am an NQT - can I teach in Europe?

The answer to this will vary with the type of school and whether you want to teach in private schools or in public education. Assuming you want to teach the subject/age range relevant to your training, the following information may help:

The teaching profession in Europe is covered by the general system for the recognition of professional qualifications across European Economic Area (EEA) member states. You receive confirmation of your professional qualifications (QTS in England and Wales, SFR in Scotland) after you have successfully completed your induction year.

As teaching qualifications are not automatically recognised by specific EEA states, you have to apply for recognition in the country where you want to teach. Getting recognition does not guarantee a job and you will find most jobs require at least one year's experience and local language fluency. For further information on English speaking schools and other EU vacancies see:

- [COIS](#)
- [COBIS](#)
- [European Commission](#)
- [Jobs – TES](#)

What about outside Europe?

Generally speaking you would need to have a recognised teaching qualification, (a UK PGCE is accepted

in most places whilst the GTP is often not), and register with the professional teaching body for the country where you want to work. If moving to that country permanently you need to meet the immigration criteria for that country and profession, or get a temporary visa.

Experience is also a prerequisite in some countries. In America, for example, they only take qualified UK teachers and currently look for BA/BEd qualified teachers with QTS or PGCE courses with 3 years teaching experience, although they do sometimes consider pilot teachers who have completed their probationary year in the UK.

As in Europe, fluency in the local language is expected unless you are applying to a British School - see above. If language fluency is an issue, consider English speaking nations such as the USA, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. These websites and organisations may be useful:

- [Teach with EPI](#)
- [ITES Online](#)
- [TES](#)
- [VIF Program](#)
- [Teaching Australia](#)
- [Australia Teachers](#)
- [Teach NZ](#)
- [ED Gazette](#)
- [CICIC](#)
- [Apply to Education](#)

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