

Teaching in Thailand

Is there a demand for English Speaking Teacher?

The simple answer is YES. Thai Education Ministry has recently been promoting English proficiency after the country has officially joined ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 in which English is considered a common language. Thailand has seen the expansion of international schools and schools with bilingual programs. This trend has been seen at both private and public schools which are also now offering Bilingual programs. Bilingual programs are programs in which subjects are taught in English mainly by English speakers. As a result, demand for qualified English speaking Teacher is on the rise.

What do you need to be able to Teach in Thailand?

Teachers Council of Thailand (TCT) has developed Self-Assessment to help applicants discover which requirements and standards they must meet prior to applying for a license. So check out different routes which indicates additional pre requisite courses in below table

	Route 1	Route 2	Route 3
	Persons who have had teaching experience with not less than 1 year and <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hold a degree in Education2. Hold other degree and a teaching license from abroad3. Hold other degrees and a graduate diploma in Education with 1year course of study.	Persons who have had teaching experience with not less than 1 year and hold other degrees without a teaching license from abroad.	Persons who have had teaching experience with not less than 1 year, and hold a teaching license from abroad, but do not hold a degree must show a certification letter with a document pertaining to recognition and reliability of teaching experience issued by an educational institution

The courses you need to take	1. Thai language and culture 2. Professional ethics	1. Thai language and culture 2. Professional ethics 3. Professional knowledge	1. Thai language and culture 2. Professional ethics
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Teaching license Requirement for foreigners

Qualification

1. Be at least 20 years of age
2. Hold a degree in Education or an equivalent or in other related fields accredited by the Teacher Council of Thailand
3. Not possess any of the prohibited characteristics pursuant to section 44 of the Teachers and Educational Personnel Council Act B.E.2003 (reference to be added)
4. Possess the professional standards of knowledge and experience.

Prohibited Characteristics

1. Having improper behavior or immorality
2. Being an incompetent or a quasi-incompetent person
3. Having been sentenced to imprisonment in any case, in the opinion of the Teachers Council of Thailand, which may bring dishonor upon the profession.

Knowledge Standards

1. Thai language and culture
2. Professional ethics
3. Professional knowledge: Subject matters for teachers' profession consisting of
 - Language and Technology for Teachers
 - Curriculum Development
 - Learning Management
 - Psychology for Teachers
 - Educational Measurement and Evaluation

- Classroom Management
- Educational Research
- Educational Innovation and Information Technology
- **Teacher Professionalism**

Experience Standards

Have teaching experience with not less than 1 year in an educational institution under a school system.

What If I do not have teaching experience?

It is mandatory that teachers must hold a teaching permission issued by The Teachers' Council of Thailand. However if the educational institute is not able to employ a person possessing a teaching license, school can help teacher applying for teaching permit without a license. This permit is not a professional teaching license, but is a certified letter granting the right to the receiver to practice teaching under the Teachers and Educational Personnel Council Act B.E. 2546(2003).

Criteria for Consideration

1. Holds a bachelor's degree or equivalent
2. Has professional knowledge and experience, and is holding a position considered essential by a school
3. Possesses a certified report of a score from an English language proficiency test (i.e., TOEFL, IELTS or TOEIC), except for person from one of the following English-speaking countries: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland, the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand or Canada. Other foreign language teachers who are native speaker are also exempted.
4. Does not possess any of the prohibited characteristics pursuant to section 44 of the Teachers and Educational Personnel Council Act B.E.2003

Validity Period of the permit

Foreigners who obtain a teaching license permit without a license may only teach at the school identified in the consent letter. The permit is valid for two years and can be extended for another two years on the condition that the applicant joins a recognized professional development program to acquire the proper qualification within the given timeframe. However The Teachers' Council of Thailand reserves the right to terminate the permission shall the teacher violates a professional code of ethics or resigns from a

school. If in cases in which permission has been granted twice, but the person is still unqualified to register for professional teaching license, he/she can request for the third time only under the following conditions:

1. The individual must teach in the same educational institute as requested for the second permission, and
2. Must provide evidence of under going professional development in accordance with the professional standards set out by the Teachers' Council of Thailand, such as having passed the professional knowledge test or being in the process of studying a degree in education.