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The TEFL Course in Cebu Phillipines

General Questions

1. What does the tuition for the program include?

Total fees: \$1590

Comprised of:

\$500 non-refundable deposit

\$1090 TEFL course fee. This amount includes tuition, accommodation, course materials, certification and moderation fees. Airfares and food are not included. A discount of \$100 is available if you choose not to take the accommodation.

2. How do I pay for the course?

You have the following options for final payment.

1. Cash on arrival is NOT an acceptable method of final payment and is only accepted under unusual circumstances. If you feel that your case warrants an exception to this policy Email us immediately at admin@teflintl.com and we can review your situation. If you fail to gain a special exemption beforehand, cash payments will be charged an additional 10 percent handling fee.
2. Pay by credit card either before or upon arrival. Go to our secure server at <http://216.71.130.193/Merchant2/merchant.mv> and follow the instructions. You will only need to fill in your name and email address in the billing section. We will usually respond within 12 hours confirming receipt of payment.
3. Pay by personal check to:

TEFL International
1200 belle Passi Rd
Woodburn, OR 97071

- *Personal checks MUST BE drawn on a US bank from a US account and it must arrive 2 weeks before the course start date.*
- *Please write your name, the course location, course dates, and your Email address on the back of the check. This is very important so that we can immediately notify you when the check has been received.*



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4. Pay by Bank Transfer:

Bank of America
Routing No. 02600959-3
Account No. 28656-13357
SWIFT Code: BOFAUS6S

CREDIT: TEFL International

Bank of America, N.A.
110 South Pacific Hwy
Woodburn, OR 97071
Tel. No. +1 503 982-2265

Please arrange to send the bank transfer 2 weeks before the course start date and bring your receipt to the center.

5. We apologize for repeating ourselves but cash on arrival is NOT an acceptable method of final payment. If you do not gain our approval beforehand by sending us an email at admin@teflintl.com, your cash payments will be charged an additional 10 percent handling charge.

- For legal and tax reasons, we strongly encourage all final payments to be made by Credit Card.
- Late fees of \$25 per day may be assessed if payment is not made.

3. What is an average program day like?

Classtime is generally 9:00 am to 4:45 pm, with mid morning and afternoon breaks and a lunch break. For approximately two weeks, you will be preparing to teach, learning all of the things you need to know in order to be successful in the classroom. For the other two weeks, you will actually be teaching each morning and preparing your materials in the afternoons.

4. How many students on average are in the program each month?

Since the program in Cebu is only starting, we have yet to see how many people will actually come to the course. Normally, in our other sister centers, the maximum number of students is 32 and this is split up into two groups.

5. What are the teaching practice students and classes like?

We use local Filipino students for the trainees' teaching practice. The students are very keen and enthusiastic and because we don't charge them to attend, all students come to classes purely because they want to!

6. What are the programs accommodations like? Where are they located?

1. A private room located within 5-minute walk from the school building. All rooms are clean and adequately furnished.



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Bedding and towels are included in the room. All rooms will be cleaned and the linens changed by the house staff once per week (Friday or Saturday). As well, a vacuum cleaner and cleaning materials are available for trainees' use.

2. Hotel accommodations. Approximately 10-minute drive from the school is the Ford's Inn Boutique Hotel. The rooms are big and comfortable and air conditioning is provided. Should availability of rooms at Ford's Inn become a concern; other hotels in the city have also been secured solely for this purpose. Transportation is not a problem as we provide free transport from your hotel to the school and back. This is effective upon the whole duration of the course.

Please be assured that any special requests or requirements regarding accommodation will be taken into account, and TEFL International will make every effort to honor such requests.

You may check in from 9:00 AM on the Saturday prior to the course start date and you must check out by 2:00 PM on the Friday after the course

7. Can I have things shipped or mailed to me at the school?
Yes! Below is our address.

TEFL International
Ligaya Homes 2, Lot 50
Bacayan, Talamban,
6000 Cebu City, Philippines
Tel : +63 32 417 6768

8. Can I bring my laptop?

Yes, you can. But for your convenience, you may use the 2 computers with Internet access at our research room for lesson planning and doing assignments.

The job market and teaching in the Philippines; Paperwork and documentation

1. What is the TEFL job market in Philippines like? Will I have trouble getting a job?

The TEFL job market in The Philippines, at the moment, is not as excellent as it is in other non-English speaking countries. Anyhow, your TEFL Certificate will enable you to easily find employment in other nearby Asian countries especially in Thailand. Finding employment is only difficult if you wait until the last day of the course to begin looking. We will provide you with resources as to how you can apply for jobs in these countries online. With just a little patience, you will certainly locate work in no time, usually in the area/country of your choice.

2. When do I need to start looking for work? Where do I start?

We suggest you begin setting up interviews and sending resumes in the second or third week of the course.



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3. What will TEFL International do to help me secure employment?

We can help you with resume and interview preparation. And we guarantee job placement assistance, but please note that TEFL International doesn't 'guarantee' its graduates employment as such. This job placement assistance program is an integral part of the course and is available for as long as you may require it.

4. What is the average salary like?

As an example, in Thailand the average salary is about 25,000 to 30,000 baht per month. Of course, it may not be the same in every country and this varies depending on what type of school or company you work for and whether you work full or part-time.

5. Do most schools provide accommodations for their teachers?

No, but there are schools that do this. For example, some schools may provide a room for you, either shared or single, probably in an apartment with other teachers and it may or may not be on the school's premises.

6. How many of the TEFL graduates actually find work?

Most of our course graduates who have wanted to work have been able to secure teaching positions and most have successfully done this in Thailand.

8. Do schools provide work permits?

Your school should help you secure a work permit. And this should depend on where you will be able to find work since it varies in many countries.

9. What is a typical teaching position like?

Of course, it varies from school to school and countries to countries, but you may be expected to teach a variety of courses, ranging from children to business professionals at all levels, in groups or in private sessions.

10. Can I return to my own country and teach with my certificate?

Yes, it's possible though the requirements for working in ESL or TEFL in many western countries are different and sometimes need graduate education in ESL or TEFL.

Questions about Cebu; Living in the Philippines

1. What are the average housing and living expenses in the Philippines?

Most likely you will rent a room in an apartment or house with other teachers or with Filipinos, and of course it depends on where you choose to live. A pleasant, small 2 to 3 bedroom house in the Philippines is about 8,000 to 10,000 pesos per month. Apartments are available for less.

2. What if I get sick in Cebu? Are there western-standard medical facilities?

If you find yourself requiring medical attention, Cebu City has a number of very good hospitals and clinics with well-educated, helpful doctors.



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If there is any serious injury, please inform the Course Director or one of the staff and transportation will be provided to the nearest hospital for treatment.

3. What's the public transportation system like?

Jeep and taxi cab are the main form of local transportation and will take you anywhere around the city. Jeeps have designated routes therefore it's more convenient to hail a taxi cab for your other destinations. Minimum fare for a jeep is at 6.00 Pesos with additional 1 peso per km. Taxi, on the other hand, are readily available anywhere around the city at any time of the day. You may want to find taxi drivers who want to have a flat rate fixed in advance - usually double or more than normal fare. However the legal way is "by meter". All taxi are equipped with a taxi-meter to give accurate fares.

What to do before departing for the Philippines?

1. How do I get to Cebu?

On Saturday prior to the course start date, we will provide transportation from the Mactan (Cebu) International Airport to your accommodation at the school. Please meet us at the International arrival area for those arriving from direct International flights and at the domestic arrival area for those arriving from connecting flights in Manila. Let us know ahead of time your time of arrival so that we can meet you at the airport on time. For those arriving before Saturday, let us know at cebu_philippines@teflintl.com and we will make special arrangements for your transportation or your transfer to the school at the start of the course.

2. What documents do I need to bring?

Of course, you need your passport. When you secure work you may be asked to provide notarized copies of your birth certificate, college degrees and transcripts. You might also consider obtaining an international driving permit if driving in the Philippines should be necessary for you, although the requirement of a driving licence is widely ignored.

3. What's the climate like? What kind of clothing will I need to bring?

It's hot and humid. Clothes are very inexpensive in the Philippines, so you may want to travel fairly light. Many visitors to the Philippines like to take advantage of some of the "Polo" or "Nike" goods that are so widely available. Many of the vendors will assure you these clothes are genuine!

You will also need to have on hand some really smart clothing. Mens: no need for a suit and tie, but something other than jeans. Button-down shirts, nice shoes that aren't trainers/sneakers... something you'd wear to a job interview, "dressy-casual." Women: Shoulders should be covered. No low-cut necklines or very short skirts. Bare midriffs are not acceptable, even when lifting arms up. Open-toed shoes are acceptable.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have other questions or concern at cebu_philippines@teflintl.com.

Thank you for choosing TEFL International, Cebu, Philippines.



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