

Special Thai Project

What is STP?

The Special Thai Project (STP) is unique in its concept. It provides the opportunity to spend five months in Thailand, experience the local culture, interact with the people, taste the regional food and at the same time earn a teaching qualification and get paid for all of this. Sounds unbelievable?! It is true! The project involves a four-week TESOL Certification Course followed by 4 months of teaching in a Thai school.

Is it for you?

Are you just out of university and looking for some excitement in life? Do you wish to travel to places that you have only read about but don't have the means? Are you stagnating in your present job and want a career change? Have you been a teacher all your life but want to teach in another country or a different set or level of students? If the answer to any of the above is yes, then the Special Thai Project is for you. It helps you earn while you travel, it gives you the opportunity to just not be a bumbling traveler but someone who is willing to contribute to society while you travel. It gives you the scope to interact with young minds. It helps you assimilate and understand new cultures, people, sample new food and take in sites and sounds that otherwise would have been impossible to experience.

So if you are above the age of 19 and a native English Speaker send your résumé and picture scan now at admin@bestteflcourse.com

Why should you do the STP?

Many people complete a Teacher Training Course but then spend a couple of months applying for a job, going for interviews, getting paper work organized in trying to get a job. But once you have enrolled in the STP program, all you have to do is plan for your trip, buy your ticket and the rest is our headache. From the time you land at the Bangkok Airport to completing the course and your four-month paid internship is our responsibility. So you not only qualify as a TESOL Trained Teacher but also have the experience to back your resume, which helps you get better jobs later. After the STP program you have the option of continuing as a regular school teacher or you can be absorbed as Corporate trainers, Language School trainers, Voice and accent trainers and Soft skill trainers. With the growing need for learning English in Non English speaking nations the demand far exceeds the supply. So there is never a dearth of teaching opportunities for TESOL trained teachers.

The benefits and course fee:

- You pay just 500USD for the TESOL Course which otherwise costs 1590 USD.
- You get paid a monthly sum of 30,000 baht (currently US\$860) per month + housing (in comparison, local teachers earn only about 10,000 baht per month so this is more than enough to live comfortably) for the 4 months of teaching in Thai Schools.
- Free airport pick up from Bangkok and transfer to the TEFL School at Ban Phe, Thailand.
- You earn a TESOL Certificate course from the world's largest Course provider, TEFL International.

- Many locations to choose from all over Thailand

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Special Thai Project About the Location –Ban Phe

Tucked away in a small fishing village on the Gulf of Thailand is a place called Ban Phe. It is about 180 km from Bangkok. The island of Koh Samed is on every tourist's list to Thailand, therefore every tourist who wants to go to Koh Samed has to pass Ban Phe to take a boat to the island.

Once you leave the hustle and bustle of Bangkok and hit the road to Ban Phe the scene changes. The nearly three hour drive takes you through rural and semi urban areas and once you reach Ban Phe the Ocean takes your breath away. Ban Phe is a stretch of unending beach. The azure blue sky, silver beach and the gentle zephyr makes you languid like Tennyson's 'Lotus Eaters'. Yet this sleepy town has all the amenities that one would require – bars, restaurants, cyber cafes and a market. Every Monday and Thursday one can shop and eat at the temporary local market or go to the big shopping Malls at Rayong over the weekend. However the main attraction is the Koh Samed Island which is half an hour away and its silhouette is visible all the time from Ban Phe beckoning one and all like a tem trees.

The School

Tefl International's Asia Headquarters is in Ban Phe where the TEFL School is located. It was the flagship school of the company and since then has been the busiest. The school is idyllically located about 50 m from the beach. It is well equipped with large spacious classrooms that are conditioned. The school has computers with internet connection and telephone facilities. There is a lounge with a TV and a small library.

Housed in the same building are the residential quarters for the trainees. The rooms are well furnished with private bathrooms and air-conditioning. Cleaning services are also available and all the staff members are very helpful. There are a number of eateries where one can buy food very close to the School.

Trainees can also stay at the Pine Beach Hotel which is at a walking distance from the school. The hotel is located within very easy access to the beach, the town center, a variety of excellent restaurants and some great shopping areas! The hotel offers everything – a restaurant, internet café, lounge area with television and video player, plus laundry and cleaning services.

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Special Thai Project – Accommodation

Accommodation during the TESOL training

TEFL International is able to provide comfortable, well-equipped accommodation for teacher trainees at free of cost. (Accommodation is sharing basis two trainees per room basis)

Accommodation in Ban Phe consists of a private air-conditioned room with private bathroom in a beautiful hotel building adjacent to the school, which houses all the course trainees. The hotel is located within very easy access to the beach, the town center, a variety of excellent restaurants and some great shopping areas! The hotel offers everything – a restaurant, internet café, lounge area with television and video player, plus laundry and cleaning services.

Accommodation after TESOL program and before starting teaching assignment

School will be provided with accommodation within 24 to 48 hrs before the school contract begins. Teachers may have to organize their own accommodation for a period of 5-7 days in-between the completion of the TESOL program and before starting the teaching assignment.

Accommodation during teaching assignment

We will aim to provide our teachers with the best possible accommodations. As we deal with various schools in various locations at various times, it is impossible to have accommodations pre-arranged for all sites year round. Therefore, exact information regarding specifics on accommodations may not be available until a later date. Exact information for some schools/cities may be available earlier than others.

Accommodations in Thailand and throughout SE Asia are generally smaller and have fewer amenities than do Western style accommodations. Most of the schools we work with are in smaller more remote areas of Thailand and thus do not have accommodations that are up to the standards of Western style accommodations. *If you require (cannot live without) Western style amenities (A/C, fridge, TV, DVD, kitchen, washing machine, etc.), you will most likely not be happy working with us. The majority of the accommodations in the past have had A/C*.

Laundry is easily and inexpensively done by many local ladies (300 - 500 baht/month) or at small coin-operated shops. There are internet cafes everywhere and are usually very cheap. Restaurants and street vendors are everywhere and usually very inexpensive. TV's and DVD players can be purchased for a reasonable price, but there are many other things to do in Thailand other than watch TV and movies.

▶ **Accommodations that are arranged by the company will be provided free of charge throughout the teaching contract.** Teachers accepting arranged accommodations must agree to remain in arranged accommodations or may be liable for the costs of lost security deposits.

▶ **Most arranged accommodations will be apartments with en suite bathrooms.** Some accommodations for some schools/cities will be shared houses with separate bedrooms for each teacher. Often houses are required in cities or areas that are smaller and less developed as thus there is an obvious lack of suitable apartment style accommodations.

▶ **Accommodations will vary from school to school and city to city.** All accommodations are scouted and chosen based on location to the school, amenities provided, cleanliness, comfort, and budget. Some accommodations are provided and/or arranged by the individual schools.

▶ All accommodations will include basic amenities such as a bed, fan (if no A/C), dresser, and closet or clothes rack.

▶ **Some accommodations may include extras** such as A/C, fridge, TV, table, balcony (most apartments have balconies), etc.

▶ Accommodations do not include kitchens or cooking utensils as most apartments in Thailand do not have kitchens.

▶ **Monthly electric, water, and phone bills will be the responsibility of the teacher.** Average water bills per month are 50-150 baht. Landline phones generally cost 5 baht/minute. Electricity is generally between 5-7 baht per unit which equates to anywhere between 500-2500 baht/month depending on the use of A/C and/or fan, fridge, lights and other electrical equipment.

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Special Thai Project – Visa & Work Permit

Visa assistance

Non-immigrant B Visa Sponsorship & Assistance

All costs related to acquiring the Non-Immigrant B Visa will originally be the teacher's responsibility.

Most teachers will be able to obtain their Non-Immigrant B Visa at a Thai consulate or embassy in their home country prior to their departure. All other teachers may enter the Kingdom of Thailand on a free 30 day transit Visa, and obtain the Non-Immigrant B Visa in Laos (Malaysia for South Africans).

Teachers who are unable to obtain the Visa prior to departure, who are attending the training/orientation course, will be assisted by our staff during a 2-3 day trip to Laos to obtain a 90 day single entry Non-Immigrant B Visa. Average costs for this trip in previous years have ranged from 5000-6000 baht per teacher. (This includes all transportation, accommodation, Laos Visa, Thai Non-Immigrant B Visa). The estimated costs for the trip will be prepared and teachers must pay costs in advance. If the trip is completed under the estimated budget, the remaining monies will be returned to each teacher upon return to Bangkok. Teachers will be expected to follow the schedule and plan arranged by us. All travel and accommodation plans will be arranged and prepared by us.

Teachers arriving following the completion of the training/orientation course may not be accompanied by a member of our staff in obtaining the Non-Immigrant B Visa in Laos. However, an information package will be provided, complete with Thai and English instructions. Also, teachers will be assisted and accompanied up until their departure at Bangkok's Mochit bus station. All teachers must have a Non-Immigrant B Visa before they are able to begin teaching.

Work Permit

Schools will pay for the processing fees in obtaining the Work Permit for teachers signing a longer contract. Teachers are responsible for the costs of, supplying with, any and required copies of educational documents, passport pages, health certificate, and pictures. The application for Work Permits cannot be made until a Non-Immigrant B Visa is secured. Applications will begin roughly 2 weeks after teaching begins.

In the case of changing school; if the teacher already received the work permit but prefer to change to new school (differences province), the cost of obtain the work permit for the new school will be in the teacher's responsibility.

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Special Thai Project - Job Description

- ▶ Teachers will teach not more than 24 classes per week. Most schedules vary between 20-22 hours per week. Classes are 50-60 minutes long depending on the school. Most teachers will teach each class once per week.
- ▶ The teachers will be required to hand in a lesson planning every month at the end of the month
- ▶ Teachers will work at the school Monday-Friday from the hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. (Timing may change for different schools but general timing is mentioned)
- ▶ Teachers will not be required to teach on Thai National holidays, Saturdays or Sundays
- ▶ Teachers will attend the morning assembly which usually begins between 8:00 am, depending on the school
- ▶ Teachers will prepare (hopefully creative) lesson plans each week for each level/grade that they teach. Teachers will likely be asked by the school and us to provide examples of lesson plans.
- ▶ Teachers will act in a professional manner both inside and outside of school. You will be a representative for us, your country, and most importantly yourself
 - » Attendance / Punctuality
 - » Smart / Neat Appearance and Dress
 - » Organize lesson plans
 - » Adaptability to Thai culture
 - » Relationship with Thai teachers
- ▶ Teachers will dress in an appropriate fashion.
 - » In schools, males are expected to wear dress pants (no jeans or cargo pants) and a button-up/collared long or short sleeve dress shirt (no golf shirts). Ties are required on Mondays and all special occasions/days/festivities (e.g. Teacher Appreciation Day). Ties may be required by some schools on a daily basis. Brown or black dress shoes are accepted (no running shoes or sandals). Males are expected to be clean shaven. Facial hair is allowed only if it is properly trimmed and is presentable on a daily basis. Earrings or visible facial rings (eyebrow, lip, nose, chin, etc) are not accepted. Visible tattoos are not accepted. Generally hair should be short and presentable. Males with long hair may be expected to wear it pulled back and presentable.
 - » Outside schools, males are free to wear what they please, with a reminder that no matter how hot it is, it is not acceptable (in Thai society) to not wear a shirt in public (unless at a beach, etc).
 - » In schools, females are expected to wear knee length or longer skirts with a presentable blouse (no low cut or revealing shirts). Shoes should be dress shoes – open toe and high heel shoes are acceptable (no sandals or running shoes). Visible facial rings (eyebrow, lip, nose, chin, etc.) are not accepted. Earrings are accepted

providing that they are not worn in excessive numbers (E.g. 4 earrings in each ear). Hair should be presentable. Visible tattoos are not accepted

» Outside schools, females are free to wear what they please, with a reminder that revealing clothes are not considered acceptable for female teachers at any time (in Thai society).

Dress codes in Thai government schools may seem strict at first, but appearances and first impressions are extremely important in Thailand. If you are a teacher, you will be expected to dress accordingly especially in school *

▶ Teachers will participate in an English club for students once per week. This is scheduled during school hours at the same time as various other clubs available to students. This can usually be done as a group with any other foreign teachers at the school.

▶ Teachers will respect all rules and regulations of the school unless otherwise notified by us.

▶ Teachers will keep organized records of student's weekly attendance as well as grades and additional notes

» Teachers will evaluate the listening and speaking skills of each student throughout the year.

▶ Teachers will perform the greeting activity once per week. This consists of simply greeting students and parents at the school front gates from roughly 7:30am-8:00am. All Thai teachers rotate this responsibility as well.

▶ Teachers will perform the English 1 minute activity once per week. This consists of planning a short (2-3 minutes) speech/message to present during the morning assembly in English. Topics may include ideas such as public service type announcements, riddles, tongue twisters, idioms, slang, nursery rhymes, etc. This can be done as a group with any other foreign teachers at the school.

▶ Teachers will perform the Star Talk activity for 5 minutes before starting each class. This consists of teaching the students a short introduction and then having them introduce themselves to the class using the format you provide

▶ Teachers will attend 1 English Camp for their school per semester. The dates will be arranged by the school. There is little to no preparation required, just attendance and participation. English Camps generally fall on a Saturday and run from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

▶ Teachers will teach an after school English class to the Thai teachers. This is generally once per week and can usually be performed as a group with other foreign teachers or split with other foreign teachers. This does not count towards the limit of 24 classes per week.

▶ Teachers will be at school for all Non-Thai national holidays. This includes Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter, Valentines Day, etc. Most schools have special celebrations on these days and you will be asked to help organize them as you will be the resident expert on Western holidays.

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Special Thai Project - Frequently Asked Questions

It is highly recommended that you look through the following Frequently Asked Questions as there are many important aspects involved with traveling to and working in Thailand that we sometimes forget to ask about

- ▶ Will I be able to save money or pay off student loans while working with in this project in Thailand?
- ▶ How much money will I need to get set up and to live until I start receiving my salary?
- ▶ What is it like teaching English in a Thai government school and Private schools?
- ▶ Will I get to choose which city and school I will work at?
- ▶ What documents will I need to bring with me to get the Work Permit and Non-Immigrant B Visa? What is the process?
- ▶ What are the students and schools like?
- ▶ Is there any way for me to make some extra money in my free time?

Q. Will I be able to save money or pay off student loans while working with in this project in Thailand?

A. This is simply a matter of the lifestyle you are prepared or are able to live. There are people who claim that trying to live off less than 30,000 baht/month is difficult, and yet there are teachers that are able to pay loan payments and live a comfortable lifestyle on the same salary. If you are able to adjust to the Thai lifestyle, weather and food, than you will be able to save money. If you require western style food all or most of the time and need western amenities (t.v, stereo, dvd, personal computer, 24 hour air conditioning, etc.) than you will be waiting for pay day every month. *In general, if money is a major concern for you at this point in your life, then you may be happier working in places such as Korea, Taiwan, or Japan that are able to offer much higher salaries than Thailand.*

Q. How much money will I need to get set up and to live until I start receiving my salary?

A. Again, this will vary on your needs and abilities to adapt to Thai lifestyles. As your accommodations are provided during the course and during your teaching time, you will only need to worry about accommodations if you arrive prior to the course and 5-7 days between the TESOL program completion and beginning of the teaching assignment. Accommodations in Bangkok are available from as low as 200 baht/night or as high as 6000 baht/night. On average you will probably want to spend about 500-800 baht for a decent place. You will receive your first pay after 1 month of teaching, so you will need enough money to last you at least 6 weeks. It is recommended that you bring (or have at your disposal) a minimum of 30,000-45,000 baht (about \$1000-\$1500). Any ATM cards with PLUS or CIRRUS can be used at most Thai bank ATM's.

Q. What is it like teaching English in a Thai government school and Private schools?

A. Working in a Thai schools are different than working in western schools, where most people tend to work

Benefits of working in a Thai School

1. You are generally welcomed enthusiastically by the school and the entire community
2. You have the opportunity make many work/social contacts
3. The students are generally more appreciative
4. You become a part of a team and community
5. You able to learn much more about Thai culture
6. You will teach only basic conversational English (you don't have to be a grammar expert, although grammar knowledge doesn't hurt)
7. Very little weekend work
8. You receive holidays during semester breaks and often don't teach (but be expected to attend) due to many school functions and activities that fall during regular school hours.

Cons of working in a Thai School

1. Large class sizes (40-55)
2. You MUST be in school 8am-4:30pm Monday - Friday
3. There can be communication errors/gaps between school and teacher (that's where TEFL International tries to help)
4. Less and lower quality available resources
5. Generally offer lower 'BASE' monthly salaries
6. You will be expected to be involved with school administrative activities or extra-curricular activities such as staff meetings, morning assembly, gate greeting and school sponsored outings) – This is often a benefit for people who like to get involved.

Q. Will I get to choose which city and school I will work at?

A. As we have to take into account both the teacher's and the school's requirements and preferences, we cannot guarantee that you will be placed in the exact city or exact school that you desire. However, we will do our best to make both sides happy and have rarely had any major difficulties in this task. The more qualified you are, the more options you have. Many factors must be considered. Some schools do not want couples, some prefer them. Some schools refuse to have teachers older than 40 working for them, some don't care. Some want female teachers, some don't care. Some require teachers with experience; some just want good friendly, easy going, reliable people that will try hard to improve their teaching skills as they go. Please inform us of your preferences and your reasoning for them. Your flexibility is appreciated. The sooner that you can commit, the better your chances will be of acquiring a position that you desire.

Q. What documents will I need to bring with me to get the Work Permit and Non-Immigrant B Visa? What is the process?

A. You will need to bring your degrees (copies are ok usually, but bring originals in case) and any other certificates, diplomas, awards that you have regardless of their relevance to teaching. Basically the more paperwork and fancy signatures or seals you have, the better. All other documents you will need will either be supplied by us or will be arranged in Thailand, such as Health certificate, a plethora of pictures, and multiple copies of all your passport pages.

The process is complicated, arduous, and involves a lot of red tape. The nice thing is that this is all done for you. 1st - get 3 month Non-Immigrant B Visa. 2nd - Apply for Work Permit at provincial Labor Office to match your Visa. 3rd - Take Work Permit or receipt for Work Permit to Immigration to apply for an extension on your Visa. 4th - Take new Visa to provincial Labor Office to apply for an extension on Work Permit to match your new Visa. There are many other steps along the way, but these are the only steps that you will be involved in. * We are usually able to obtain the initial 3 month Non-Immigrant B Visa before your departure, however it is not always possible due to certain countries and variations between numerous Thai embassies and consulates around the world. Those who do not obtain a 3 month Non-Immigrant B Visa before departure will go to Laos or Malaysia prior to their start date (if possible) to obtain the proper Visa. Most countries may enter Thailand on a free 30 day transit Visa.

Q. What are the students and schools like?

A. As we generally only work with schools in Bangkok and adjoining areas, the schools are generally quite high in resources. Most schools have beautiful campuses, All will have either a blackboard or whiteboard. Some will have TV's, CD players, DVD players, overhead projectors, etc. Government schools will simply have fans, but occasionally some classrooms have A/C (most teachers' offices have A/C). Almost all Thai schools have computers and access to the internet for their teachers. How fast it will be is another question. Usually school cafeterias have good food at an extremely low price. The students are almost always extremely respectful towards teachers. Because of large classrooms, it can get loud during your English class, but they are almost never malicious or overtly rude to teachers. They might not listen because they don't really like English, but that is no different than when most of us were in high school in a subject we didn't like. In the smaller cities/towns, you will be treated with awe and reverence for the first few weeks with students being very shy and running away from you. A big smile and many, "Hello, How are you?" s later, they will start to open up and feel comfortable.

Q. Is there any way for me to make some extra money in my free time?

A. While you are not permitted to work with any other company or school while under contract with us, you are more than welcome to do private tutoring or lessons throughout your community. Inevitably, if you are a reliable, fun, easy-going and friendly teacher and person who is involved with the school and community, you will have many people approach you to do private lessons. If you sit at home every night or go to the bar every night, don't expect people to come chasing after you. There are also many opportunities to work at English camps on the weekends or during the holidays. We have good connections with 2 English Camp organizations that provide camps for schools year round.

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Special Thai Project - Important Dates

Date of Landing	:	Not later than 7th October 2007
Airport Pick up Facility and transfer to Ban Phe	:	7th October 2007
Accommodation Available in Ban Phe	:	7th October to 31st October
TESOL Program Start date	:	8th October 2007 to 26th October 2007 (3 weeks)
Leave Ban Phe Accommodation	:	Within 4 days of completion of the TESOL program
Placement in the schools and Visa run	:	Between 26th October to 5th November
Transfer to schools	:	Within 10 days of completion of the TESOL program
Program end date	:	5th to 15th March 2008

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Special Thai Project – Exceptions

- ▶Smoking
- ▶Alcohol
- ▶Drugs
- ▶Thai culture
- ▶Health / Illness
- ▶Extra Curricular Activities
- ▶Discrepancies

Smoking

Smoking is not accepted at any time on school grounds and/or during school hours. You are free to smoke in your own time outside of the school. *It is very uncommon for professional females to smoke in Thai society. Basically, in Thai society, “respectable” females do not smoke in Thailand. This does not mean that you cannot smoke, but you should be prepared for even more than the usual stares and subsequent repercussions (E.g. not getting a tutoring job because someone saw you smoking - they (Thai's) wont tell you this directly, but it may be the case)*

Alcohol

The use of alcohol is not accepted during school hours. Only during school sponsored activities/parties is the use of alcohol acceptable on school grounds. Use of alcohol or being found under the influence of alcohol on school grounds other than specified and arranged times, is grounds for immediate dismissal. Alcohol consumption outside of the school is under the discretion of the teacher with the reminder that being a teacher carries responsibilities and expectations from the community. Excessive alcohol abuse is not considered acceptable behavior for a teacher in any country. *Again, the same stigma is attached to females who drink excessively as is for smoking

Drugs

The use of illegal drugs at any time is grounds for immediate dismissal and possible prosecution under Thai laws. Thailand has extremely strict regulations and subsequent penalties regarding the use and trafficking of illegal drugs. * It is the foreigner's responsibility to understand the laws and regulations of the country that they choose to visit or live and work in

Thai culture

Thai people are extremely proud of their culture and are generally passionate about sharing it with foreign teachers. It is expected that foreign teachers make an effort to learn about Thai culture. While this is not a requirement, it is a healthy suggestion that will improve your standing as a teacher and person within a Thai government school and community. Also, a greater level of understanding and/or acceptance (at the very least knowledge) of Thai culture will make your time in Thailand that much more enjoyable. All teachers are expected to respect all aspects of Thai culture and act accordingly.

Expressing anger or having confrontations (which results in a “loss of face”) are avoided at all costs and are not considered acceptable behavior in Thai society. By expressing anger towards someone, especially to someone in a higher position than you and particularly in public, you cause not only yourself but the other person to “lose face”. This is extremely negative in Thai society. It is strongly suggested that you will express and discuss problems that you may encounter with us in a similar fashion. NO Thai person responds positively to anger, insistence, and yelling.

Teachers are expected to understand this element of Thai society or at the very least respect and accept it. While this and many other elements of Thai society may seem “ridiculous” or even “stupid” to some foreigners, it is a part of the culture in which you choose to live and therefore must be accepted.

A calm, friendly, understanding, patient and smiling person will achieve far greater things in Thailand than someone who is hot-headed or quick-tempered. Expressing anger will only be taking steps backwards in any situation.

Health / Illness

It is not uncommon for people who choose to live in a foreign country to have difficulties regarding health in the initial stages while their bodies are adapting to a new climate, diet, and way of life. It is therefore strongly recommended that all teachers purchase travelers/health insurance for a minimum of 3 months to cover emergencies. Health care is extremely cheap in Thailand relative to most Western countries. Health care in Thailand also meets a relatively high standard. Basic services such as medication and doctor visits are very inexpensive. Basic Thai Health insurance is obtainable through various organizations such as BUPA or AIA.

Teachers are allowed paid sick days for the semester. Sick days exceeding this limit: teacher’s monthly salary will be reduced at a rate per day. Teachers may be required to provide a doctor’s note proving illness in the case of any discrepancies (E.g. frequent illness on Mondays/Fridays/before or after long weekends). For any unexplained absences, the teacher’s monthly salary will be reduced at a rate of 2000 baht/month. *Excessive illness without doctor’s certificate may be grounds for dismissal.

Teachers must notify both the school and the company before 8:00 am on the day that they will be absent. It is highly appreciated if teachers phone the evening before so that preparations can be arranged to cover your classes. Failure to notify both the company and the school before 8:00 am of the day of absence will be considered unexplained

There are no substitute teachers in some schools. Standard procedure is for other teachers, when they have a free period, to teach in place of the absent teacher. If a teacher is absent, foreign or Thai, you may be asked to substitute in your free periods (no teacher should teach more than 5 periods without a break). In the case of an extended absence, overtime will be paid (see contract) Keep in mind that the same courtesy will be extended to you and your classes when you are absent. In some cases, a spare teacher will be arranged by us.

Extra Curricular Activities

There are often many school activities/parties/special days that may or may not fall during regular school hours. You may be asked to join in these activities. It is strongly recommended that you join at least SOME of these activities or it will be thought that you don't like the school or the teachers in the school. Often these are great fun and a way to meet important people in the community. Activities may include staff parties, field trips to other areas of Thailand, weddings, dinner invitations, after hours work (paid), etc.

Discrepancies

As many of the schools we work with have never had foreign teachers or have had little exposure to foreign teachers and cultures, there will undoubtedly be some 'hiccups' along the way. Any discrepancies that arise between what the school asks you to do and the contract you have with us should be reported to our Coordinator. Often times these discrepancies result from a communication error. By allowing the school and us to discuss the matter, it is hoped, and been proven, that most of these issues can be resolved much easier, faster and with less cultural tensions than if you attempt to resolve them alone. Often these schools want you to do many extra little things because they want to take advantage of the fact that they finally have a foreigner working at their school. It can be easy to get frustrated and angry, but this will get you nowhere in Thailand. *If you don't mind doing a few extra little things... great, AND this is the best way to get involved and score extra PAID work after school hours. The more involved you are, the more liked you will be and the more people you will meet, thus more opportunities will arise. However, we all need our own time and you will need to know when to say "Sorry, I can't do that".

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Special Thai Project – Schools

School	Level	Province
Patanadek school	Kindergarten	Khon Kaen
Benchamatheputit school	High school	Petchaburi
Saraburi Wittayakom	High school	Saraburi
Anuban Nakhon Ratchasima	Kindergarten	Nakorn Ratchasima
Tangtrongchie Commercial College	College	Bangkok
Wimol Commercial School	Vocational school	Bangkok
Wimol Business Administration College	College	Bangkok
Phuket Technology College	College	Phuket
Kantabut School		Bangkok
Nuntawan Thawipas School	Kindergarten	Samutprakan
Janhunbumpen School		Bangkok
Ratchadumri School		Bangkok
Bangpliratbumrung School		Samutprakan
Nakhonnayokwittayakhom School		Nakhonnayok
Pibulwittayalai School		Lopburi
Angthongpattamarot School		Angtong
Anubawat Angtong School		Angtong
Sawan Anun School		Sukhothai
Pua School		Nan
Srisawaswittayakarn School		Nan
Sungmenrachinupatum School		Phrae
Boonyawatwittayalai School		Lampang
Chaiyaphumpakdeechumpol School		Chaiyaphum
Keangkrowittaya School		Chaiyaphum
Nongbuadaengwittaya School		Chaiyaphum
Phukiow School		Chaiyaphum
Suntornwattana School		Chaiyaphum
Buakhao School		Kalasin
Khaowongwittaya School		Kalasin
Munjakirisuksa School		Khonkaen
Triam Udom Suksa Sawangdandin School		Sakonkakhon
Nernsungsritani School		Korat
Anuban Laumphun School		Lumphun
Sa School		Nan
Tetsaban Chaiyaphum School		Chaiyaphum
Anuban Chaiyaphum School		Chaiyaphum
Banmuang School		Sakonakorn
Paktongchaiprachaniramit School		Korat
Phontongpattanawittaya School		Roiet
Sainamtip School		Bangkok
Lampangkallayani School		Lumpang
Nakoo School		Kalasin
Anuban Pirot School		Roiet
Anuban Aiemsuk School		Mahasarkham
Pirotwitchalai		Roiet

Special Thai Project - Other Terms & Conditions

- ▶ Please fill in the application form.
- ▶ After successful application, you will be asked to pay a training fee of USD\$500 which is non refundable.
- ▶ If for any reason you wish to subsequently cancel your place on the course after your fees have been paid, TEFL International cannot provide any refund except for exceptional circumstances. The project organizer's decision is final. In any case, the payment is non-refundable. The reason for this is that the staffing for the course and accommodation have fixed costs which have to be paid for in advance and based on a specific number of course members in the group. The college cannot guarantee to replace course members who subsequently drop out.
- ▶ Wish to make an alternative payment arrangement apart from online credit card, please write to admin@bestteflcourse.com. Please contact the course organizer in advance if you wish to make an alternative payment arrangement.
- ▶ As part of our pre-screening process, applicants are requested to submit an account of their personal history and background and of their motives for joining the project, as well as their future aspirations. Inaccuracies or fraudulent claims in the application are grounds for dismissal from the course.
- ▶ The project fee is based on your satisfactory completing all the course assessments, including Teaching Practices, within the three weeks. If for any reason you do not complete these satisfactorily within the period and it is agreed that an extension of time or further Teaching Practices are possible later, you will be liable to additional charges to cover additional staff time. These are USD\$35 for each Teaching Practice and USD\$20 for each piece of written work. If you withdraw from the moderation of your current course and wish to enter moderation on a later course, an additional moderation fee must be paid.
- ▶ Any participant withdraws from the project after completion of the TESOL program will have to pay a fine of US\$ 500 or have may decide to pay the original balance fee for the TESOL program (US\$1090) and take their certification.
- ▶ Participants during the 4 months teaching assignment if dishonor the understanding will have to pay a fine of US\$ 500 and will also not be eligible for the TESOL Certification
- ▶ The TEFL International TESOL certificate is not graded and the final certificate will usually be available on the last day of the project completion (31st August for group 1 and 2 and 30th September 2007 for group 3).
- ▶ All course members are liable to the disciplinary regulations of the center. The course director's decision is final and dismissal from the course is not grounds for a refund.
- ▶ TEFL International offers TESOL Certificate courses. Often extra activities and services are also advertised. While the TESOL certificate course will not significantly change in content, the extra activities and services may change due to local circumstances.

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