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Teaching in Malta

A guide for aspiring & qualified teachers — how teaching in Malta works, the ELT permit, routes and requirements, visas, pay, and how to find the right role.



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A MAJOR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE-LEARNING DESTINATION

Malta is a **major English-language-learning destination** — English is an official language, and around 80,000 international students come each year to study it — so its EFL sector is genuine and sizeable. Roles span **language schools, international schools, summer courses, and tutoring**. This program-neutral guide covers the **routes, requirements, the ELT permit, visas, and pay**, and points you to the K12 Academics directory to find roles.

General guidance, not legal, immigration, or employment advice. Maltese rules, pay, and requirements change and vary by employer. The details here are recent examples and **must be confirmed with the ELT Council, Maltese immigration (Identità/Jobplus), and each employer**. K12 Academics does not run or endorse any specific program — use the K12 Academics directory to find and compare your options.

Understand the Malta Reality

WHAT TO KNOW

Malta is a **major English-teaching destination**: English is official, and ~80,000 international students come each year to study it — so the EFL market is genuine and steady, peaking in summer. Roles span language schools, international schools, and tutoring.

BY THE NUMBERS

Major ELT hub

~80,000 int'l students/yr

English

an official language

Summer

the peak season

HOW TO HELP

Take heart — unlike most of Europe, Malta is a **real “teach English” destination**, with a large, steady flow of international students and a genuine EFL job market.

WATCH OUT

Around **80,000 international students** attend Maltese language schools each year — a large, ongoing source of teaching demand.

Understand the Types of Teaching Roles

WHAT TO KNOW

Route types include: **private language schools** (the core of the market — adults and young learners, general and business English), **international schools** (the highest pay, for licensed teachers), **public schools** (which teach in English), **summer courses** (a big seasonal draw), and **private tutoring** (1:1 lessons are popular). Browse and compare options in **the K12 Academics directory**.

BY THE NUMBERS

Language schools

core of the market

Int'l schools

highest pay (licensed)

Summer courses / tutoring

+ public schools

HOW TO HELP

Match the **route to your profile** — a language school (or summer course) for EFL work, an international school if licensed, or tutoring — then find options in the K12 Academics directory.

GOOD TO KNOW

Find and compare **specific language schools, international schools, and recruiters** in the K12 Academics directory — this guide stays program-neutral.

Check the Requirements & ELT Permit

WHAT TO KNOW

The key Malta rule: you need an **ELT permit from the ELT Council**, which requires a **Level 5 TEFL qualification (e.g., Cambridge CELTA or Trinity CertTESOL)** meeting the Malta Qualifications Framework. A **degree** is preferred (and effectively needed for non-EU teachers). **International schools** additionally require a **teaching license, a master's, and experience**. Fluent English is expected.

BY THE NUMBERS

ELT permit

required (Level 5 TEFL)

Degree

preferred (needed for non-EU)

Int'l schools

license + master's

HOW TO HELP

Line up your credentials — a **Level 5 TEFL and the ELT permit** for language schools (a degree helps, and non-EU teachers need one), or a **license, master's, and experience** for international schools.

GOOD TO KNOW

The **ELT permit** (requiring a Level 5 TEFL) is essential for any English-teaching role in Malta — language school, public school, or tutoring.

Understand the Visa & Work Authorization

WHAT TO KNOW

A Malta specific: **both EU and non-EU teachers need a work permit**. You must have a **job offer first**, then the employer submits your application. **Non-EU citizens** additionally need a **single permit and an employment licence** (via Jobsplus). Confirm current rules with the ELT Council and Maltese immigration.

BY THE NUMBERS

Work permit

needed (EU & non-EU)

Job offer

first, then employer applies

Non-EU

single permit + employment licence

HOW TO HELP

Know your route — **both EU and non-EU teachers need a work permit** (unusual in the EU); you need a job offer first, then the employer applies (non-EU also need a single permit and employment licence).

WATCH OUT

Even EU teachers need a **work permit** to teach in Malta — a rule specific to the country; secure the job offer first.

Know the Pay & Benefits

WHAT TO KNOW

Pay reflects the market: **private language schools pay hourly (~€14–19/hour)**, often seasonally (with a summer peak); **international schools pay the most (~€2,000–3,000/month)** with benefits; **business English and 1:1 tutoring can pay more**. The cost of living is moderate (a Mediterranean lifestyle), so pay goes reasonably far.

BY THE NUMBERS

Language schools

~€14–19/hour

Int'l schools

~€2,000–3,000/mo

Business/1:1

can pay more

HOW TO HELP

Set expectations — language schools pay hourly (~€14–19), often seasonally; international schools most (~€2,000–3,000); business English and tutoring lift income; moderate living costs.

GOOD TO KNOW

Teaching **business English or 1:1** pays more, given corporate demand and students' preference for private lessons.

Understand Contracts & What to Watch For

WHAT TO KNOW

Much language-school work is **hourly and seasonal** (busiest in summer), so check **hours, hourly rate, and contract length (year-round vs seasonal)**. Ensure the role includes help obtaining the **ELT permit and work permit**. Favour written terms and reputable, ELT-Council-recognised schools.

BY THE NUMBERS

Language schools

hourly/seasonal

Confirm

ELT + work permit help

Favour

recognised schools

HOW TO HELP

Read every offer for **hours, hourly rate, and whether it's year-round or seasonal**, and confirm the school helps with the ELT permit and work permit.

GOOD TO KNOW

Demand **peaks in summer**, so many roles are seasonal — confirm whether a contract is year-round or summer-only.



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Get Qualified & Prepared

WHAT TO KNOW

Earn a **Level 5 TEFL qualification (Cambridge CELTA or Trinity CertTESOL)** and apply for the **ELT permit**; have your **degree ready**. For international schools, bring a **teaching license and experience**. Prepare your **documents (apostilled/translated)**, **references**, and **background checks**, and consider a business-English specialism.

BY THE NUMBERS

TEFL

Level 5 (CELTA/Trinity)

ELT permit

apply via the Council

Int'l schools

license + experience

HOW TO HELP

Get a **Level 5 TEFL (CELTA/Trinity)** and the **ELT permit** (plus a degree), or a license and experience for international schools, and prepare apostilled documents and checks.

GOOD TO KNOW

Start the **ELT permit** process early through the ELT Council — it's required before you can teach.

Plan the Hiring Timeline

WHAT TO KNOW

Demand **peaks in summer** (June–August), when international students arrive for intensive courses – so language schools recruit heavily in **spring**; year-round roles also exist. **International schools** recruit **January–May for a September start**. Apply ahead of the summer peak, and sort your permits early.

BY THE NUMBERS

Language schools

recruit in spring (summer peak)

Int'l schools

Jan–May

Permits

sort early

HOW TO HELP

Plan around the calendar — language schools recruit in spring for the summer peak (plus year-round roles), international schools Jan–May — and sort your ELT/work permits early.

GOOD TO KNOW

The **summer peak** (June–August) is when international students arrive — apply in spring for the busiest season.

Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

English is an **official language of Malta**, so there's **no language barrier** (Maltese is also official). Most teaching is in **Valletta, Sliema, and St Julian's**, where the language schools cluster. Malta is safe, sunny, and Mediterranean, with a moderate cost of living — an appealing lifestyle base.

BY THE NUMBERS

English

official (no barrier)

Hubs

Valletta, Sliema, St Julian's

Mediterranean

moderate cost

HOW TO HELP

Prepare practically — no language barrier (English is official); most teaching clusters in Valletta, Sliema, and St Julian's; Malta offers a sunny, moderate-cost Mediterranean base.

GOOD TO KNOW

The language schools cluster in **Sliema and St Julian's** (near Valletta) — the heart of Malta's ELT market.

Find Your Role & Thrive

WHAT TO KNOW

Once you know your route, **find and compare specific language schools, international schools, and recruiters in the K12 Academics directory**. Apply ahead of the summer peak, verify each contract and the ELT/work-permit support, and build toward year-round or international-school roles. Confirm current rules with the ELT Council.

BY THE NUMBERS

Find & compare

schools & recruiters

Apply

ahead of summer peak

Build

toward year-round roles

HOW TO HELP

Use **the K12 Academics directory** to find and compare language schools, international schools, and recruiters, apply ahead of the summer peak, and verify each contract and permit support.

WATCH OUT

Browse **the K12 Academics directory** to find the specific schools, programmes, and recruiters that fit your route and goals.

Teaching in Malta: The Essentials

A snapshot — program-neutral. Confirm details with the ELT Council, Maltese Immigration, and each employer.

The market

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The routes

Private language schools (the core of the market, general and business English), international schools (highest pay, for licensed teachers), public schools (which teach in English), summer courses, and 1:1 tutoring — find and compare specific ones in the directory.

Requirements & permit

You need an ELT permit from the ELT Council, requiring a Level 5 TEFL (Cambridge CELTA or Trinity CertTESOL); a degree is preferred (needed for non-EU); international schools additionally require a license, a master's, and experience.

Visa

Both EU and non-EU teachers need a work permit (unusual in the EU); you need a job offer first; non-EU teachers additionally need a single permit and employment licence (via Jobsplus).

Pay & move

Language schools pay hourly (~€14–19/hour, often seasonal); international schools ~€2,000–3,000/month with benefits; business English and 1:1 tutoring can pay more; English is official; moderate cost of living (Valletta, Sliema, St Julian's).

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