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Teaching in Morocco

A guide for aspiring & qualified teachers — how teaching in Morocco works, the routes and requirements, the work visa, pay, and how to find the right role.



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NORTH AFRICA'S LARGEST, GROWING MARKET

Morocco has **one of North Africa's largest English-teaching markets**, growing as English overtakes French. It's **accessible and affordable** — a cultural-immersion market, not a savings one. Roles span **language schools and international schools**. This program-neutral guide covers the **routes, requirements, the work visa, and pay**, and points you to the K12 Academics directory to find roles.

General guidance, not legal, immigration, or employment advice. Moroccan rules, pay, and requirements change and vary by employer. The details here are recent examples and **must be confirmed with Morocco's immigration authorities 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 Why Teachers Choose Morocco

WHAT TO KNOW

Morocco offers **North Africa's largest, growing market, accessible (degree + TEFL) requirements, a very low cost of living, and a rich Arab-Berber-French culture** — a cultural-immersion destination where a modest salary funds a comfortable, adventurous life.

BY THE NUMBERS

Largest

in North Africa

Accessible

degree + TEFL

Cultural immersion

not savings

HOW TO HELP

Weigh Morocco's **accessibility and rich culture** against modest pay — for immersion in a fascinating country at low cost, it's North Africa's standout market.

WATCH OUT

Demand is **rising as English overtakes French** for international opportunity — a growing market for qualified teachers.

Understand the Types of Teaching Roles

WHAT TO KNOW

Route types include: **private language schools and academies** (the main entry, with established, reputable networks), **international schools** (British, American, or Cambridge — the best pay, for licensed teachers), **state schools**, **universities**, **corporate/business English**, and **private tutoring**. Volunteering exists but can be under-resourced. Browse and compare options in the **K12 Academics directory**.

BY THE NUMBERS

Language academies

main entry

Int'l schools

best pay (licensed)

Universities / business

+ tutoring

HOW TO HELP

Match the **route to your profile** — a language academy for entry, an international school if licensed, or business English — then find options in the K12 Academics directory.

GOOD TO KNOW

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

Check the Requirements

WHAT TO KNOW

A **TEFL certificate is required** (a Level 5 diploma earns higher salaries and opens international schools), and a **bachelor's degree (any field) is required for all positions and the visa**. **Native speakers are preferred**, but **fluent non-native speakers with a TEFL can find work at some language centres**. International schools require a **teaching licence and experience**.

BY THE NUMBERS

TEFL

required (Level 5 for more)

Degree

required (any field, for the visa)

Native

preferred (non-native possible)

HOW TO HELP

Line up your credentials — a **TEFL and a degree** (required for the visa); native speakers are preferred, but fluent non-native speakers can find language-centre work, and international schools want a licence.

GOOD TO KNOW

A **degree is required for all positions** (it's needed for the visa), and a Level 5 TEFL opens the best-paid roles.

Understand the Visa & Work Authorization

WHAT TO KNOW

Most teachers **enter on a 90-day tourist visa and begin the work-visa process after finding an employer. Legitimate employers assist with the work permit and residency card** — you shouldn't be expected to work long-term on a tourist visa. Many schools also help with housing. Confirm current rules with Morocco's immigration authorities.

BY THE NUMBERS

Enter

on a 90-day tourist visa

Then

employer-assisted work permit

Not

long-term on a tourist visa

HOW TO HELP

Know your route — enter on a tourist visa, then a **legitimate employer assists with the work permit and residency card** once you're hired; don't work long-term on a tourist visa.

GOOD TO KNOW

Legitimate employers **assist with the work permit and residency card** — a sign of a reputable school.

Know the Pay & Benefits

WHAT TO KNOW

Pay averages **4,600–9,500 MAD/month (~\$500–1,000)**, with **private academies and international schools the most competitive**. It's roughly a **break-even market**, but the **low cost of living** means a modest salary funds a comfortable lifestyle — more so in smaller towns than in Casablanca or Rabat.

BY THE NUMBERS

Range

~4,600–9,500 MAD/mo

Academies/int'l

most competitive

Low cost

comfortable living

HOW TO HELP

Set expectations — ~4,600–9,500 MAD/month (private academies and international schools most competitive); a break-even market, but low living costs make it comfortable.

GOOD TO KNOW

It's roughly a **break-even market** — the reward is cultural immersion and an affordable, comfortable life, not savings.

Understand Contracts & What to Watch For

WHAT TO KNOW

Weigh pay against Morocco's **low cost of living**. International schools offer the **fullest packages**; language academies are the accessible entry. Confirm **hours, pay, and that the employer assists with the work permit and residency** (a red flag if not). Favour reputable academies and schools, and confirm terms in writing.

BY THE NUMBERS

Weigh

pay vs low costs

Int'l schools

fullest packages

Confirm

work-permit help

HOW TO HELP

Read every offer for **hours, pay, and work-permit assistance** (a red flag if absent), and weigh pay against low costs; international schools bundle the best packages.

GOOD TO KNOW

A reputable employer **assists with the work permit and residency** — if they expect you to work on a tourist visa long-term, be cautious.

Get Qualified & Prepared

WHAT TO KNOW

Earn an **accredited TEFL** (a Level 5 diploma for higher pay and international schools), and have a **degree** (required for the visa). For international schools, bring a **licence and experience**. Prepare your documents, and be ready to **enter on a tourist visa and convert** once hired. Some French or Arabic helps daily life.

BY THE NUMBERS

TEFL

(Level 5 for more)

Degree

required (for the visa)

Enter

tourist visa then convert

HOW TO HELP

Get an **accredited TEFL** (Level 5 for the best roles) and a degree (required for the visa), and be ready to enter on a tourist visa and convert once hired.

GOOD TO KNOW

Some **French or Arabic** helps daily life — English is what you'll teach, but the streets run on both.

Plan the Hiring Timeline

WHAT TO KNOW

Peak hiring is around **September and January**; **language academies** hire more **year-round**, and **international schools** recruit **ahead of the school year**. Many teachers **travel to Casablanca or Rabat during peak seasons to job-hunt in person**, then convert their visa. Allow time for the work-permit process.

BY THE NUMBERS

Peak

September & January

Academies

year-round

Job-hunt

in person

HOW TO HELP

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GOOD TO KNOW

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Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

You **don't need Arabic or French to teach** (classes are English-only), but some helps daily life. Bases include **Casablanca (the biggest, business-focused), Rabat (the capital), Marrakech, Fes, and Tangier**. Morocco is affordable, safe, and culturally rich — a blend of Arab, Berber, and French influences, with medinas, mountains, and desert to explore.

BY THE NUMBERS

Arabic/French

not needed to teach

Bases

Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakech

Rich culture

& affordable

HOW TO HELP

Prepare practically — teach in English (some French or Arabic helps daily life); Casablanca and Rabat have the most roles, in an affordable, culturally rich country.

GOOD TO KNOW

Morocco blends **Arab, Berber, and French influences** — medinas, mountains, and desert, all at a low cost of living.

Find Your Role & Thrive

WHAT TO KNOW

Once you know your route, **find and compare specific language academies, international schools, and recruiters in the K12 Academics directory**. Apply (or job-hunt in person during the peaks), verify each contract and work-permit assistance, and build toward international schools. Confirm current rules with Morocco's immigration authorities.

BY THE NUMBERS

Find & compare

academies & schools

Apply or

job-hunt in person

Build

toward int'l schools

HOW TO HELP

Use **the K12 Academics directory** to find and compare language academies, international schools, and recruiters, apply or job-hunt in person, verify each contract and work-permit help, and build toward international schools.

WATCH OUT

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

Teaching in Morocco: The Essentials

A snapshot — program-neutral. Confirm details with the Moroccan authorities and each employer.

The market

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The routes

Private language schools and academies (the main entry, with established networks), international schools (British/American/Cambridge, best pay, licensed teachers), state schools, universities, corporate/business English, and tutoring — find and compare in the directory.

Requirements

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Visa

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Pay & move

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