

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES IN AUSTRALIA

Introduction

Welcome to Australia

Most casual and contract work is offered from May through to December. In Victoria alone, 3500 new teachers will be needed each year to 2009. It is estimated that Victoria alone requires at least 450 overseas teachers per year till 2010 to fulfil its teacher requirements in metropolitan and country areas.

The Resource Ed Personnel Group will provide assistance with respect to:

- Teaching Opportunities
- Teachers Registration & Certification
- Cost of Living in Australia
- Travel Arrangements to Australia
- Job applications
- Advice on housing
- International Teachers Support Group

Useful terms

- CRC- Criminal records check or police check
- CRT- Casual relief teacher equivalent to Supply teacher
- DET- Department of Education & Training, Victoria
- Primary- school from preparatory (usually age 6) to grade 6 (age 12)
- Secondary – from Level 7 to 12 (years 13 – 18)
- Term - dates of normal school operation, usually 4 in Victoria
- VIT- Victorian Institute of Teaching, registering body for all teachers
- VCE- Victorian Certificate of Education, year 12 entrance to university
- AEU- Australia Education Union

Opportunities available for Primary & Secondary Teachers

Melbourne

Opportunities are now available in Melbourne and country areas, for qualified Primary and Secondary school teachers to pursue Contract and Casual Relief teaching positions, either through Resource Ed Personnel or a Client school. Teaching positions are available at Government, Independent and Catholic schools. Newly qualified and experienced teachers are encouraged to apply.

Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth

There is normally an abundance of casual work from April to December with casual teaching positions which in some cases, may lead to contract positions.

Type of positions	Primary	Secondary	Region
Casual relief teaching	Yes	Yes	All Western high priority
Contracts	Yes	Yes	As above

Current Areas of Demand:

Primary Teachers

Grades Prep to Year 6

Secondary Teachers

Years 7 – 10

Years 11 & 12 (VCE - Victorian Certificate of Education)

Teaching Methods/Subject Areas:

- English
- SOSE (Studies of Society and the Environment) – History/Geography etc
- Maths
- Science
- Physical Education, Health & Human Development
- Home Economics
- Technology (Wood, Plastic, Metal)
- Information Technology
- Art

See Information link: <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/>

School term dates 2006

As this information may change periodically please visit this website for current up to date information

http://www.dest.gov.au/portfolio_department/calendar_dates/school_term_dates_2006.htm

Please note: The School Term Dates have been compiled from information obtained from State and Territory government departments and is subject to change without notice. Readers should contact individual State and Territory government departments as listed below.

Australian Capital Territory

	TERM DATES	HOLIDAYS
1st Term	3 February - 13 April	14 April - 30 April
2nd Term	1 May - 7 July	8 July - 23 July
3rd Term	24 July - 29 September	30 September - 15 October
4th Term	16 October - 21 December	22 December -

New South Wales

	TERM DATES	HOLIDAYS
1st Term	30 January - 13 April	14 April - 30 April
2nd Term	1 May - 30 June	1 July - 16 July
3rd Term	17 July - 29 September	30 September - 15 October
4th Term	16 October - 21 December	22 December -

Northern Territory

	TERM DATES	HOLIDAYS
1st Term	30 January - 7 April	8 April - 17 April
2nd Term	18 April - 23 June	24 June - 23 July
3rd Term	24 July - 29 September	30 September - 8 October
4th Term	9 October - 15 December	16 December -

Queensland

	TERM DATES	HOLIDAYS
1st Term	23 January - 7 April	8 April - 18 April
2nd Term	19 April - 23 June	24 June - 10 July
3rd Term	11 July - 22 September	23 September - 8 October
4th Term	9 October - 15 December	16 December -

South Australia

	TERM DATES	HOLIDAYS
1st Term	30 January - 13 April	14 April - 30 April
2nd Term	1 May - 7 July	8 July - 23 July
3rd Term	24 July - 29 September	30 September - 15 October
4th Term	16 October - 15 December	16 December -

Tasmania

	TERM DATES	HOLIDAYS
1st Term	16 February - 2 June	3 June - 18 June
2nd Term	19 June - 8 September	9 September - 24 September
3rd Term	26 September - 20 December	21 December -

Victoria

	TERM DATES	HOLIDAYS
1st Term	30 January - 10 March	11 March - 26 March
2nd Term	27 March - 16 June	17 June - 2 July
3rd Term	3 July - 15 September	16 September - 1 October
4th Term	2 October - 21 December	22 December -

Western Australia

	TERM DATES	HOLIDAYS
1st Term	1 February - 12 April	13 April - 1 May

	(secondary schools) 1 February - 13 April (primary schools)	
2nd Term	2 May - 7 July	8 July - 24 July
3rd Term	25 July - 29 September	30 September - 16 October
4th Term	17 October - 8 December	9 December -

Salaries and Pay Rates

In Australia, all teachers are paid fortnightly:

Salary Scales for Contract Teachers (pro rata)

For information on wages and salaries, go to the individual Australian States and Territories Departments of Education links as provided below.

Victoria

<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/hrweb/employcond/salary/salaries.htm>

New South Wales

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/employment/awardcon/index.htm>

South Australia

<http://www.decs.sa.gov.au/recruit/pages/Recruitment/teach/>

Queensland

<http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/administrative/docs/salarieschedule.xls>

Western Australia

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/teaching/employment.html#salaries>

Tasmania

<http://www.education.tas.gov.au/dept/employment/awards/salaries/salariescales.doc>

Northern Territory

http://www.nt.gov.au/ocpe/public_sector/determinations/2005_14.pdf

Australian Capital Territory

http://www.det.act.gov.au/department/pdf/EBA_New_Offer_Table_26042006.pdf

PLUS

Workcover and Superannuation contributions will also be paid for each day worked. Teachers can arrange for their Superannuation contributions to be refunded after departure from Australia.

When working for Resource Ed Personnel you will pay a commission for services, our pay rates lead the industry and we provide many services and support that will enhance your teaching and holiday here in Australia.
Please contact us directly for information of pay scales for casual and contract work.

Cost of Living in Australia

Accommodation

There is a wide choice of accommodation available in Australia. Choices vary from shared accommodation, home stay, an apartment or a house. Rental prices range from A\$400 - \$800 per month, or more or less.

Food and Travel

Accommodation, food and travel, will be your major expenses. Food prices are reasonable and a wide variety of good value, affordable meals are available. Allow about A\$1000 per month for food and travel expenses. Other personal expenses and sundries \$500 per month

Savings

Depending on one's lifestyle, it is possible to save while you work and travel in Australia. Savings of between \$5,000 - \$10,000 can be realized.

Travel Arrangements to Australia

To Australia

There are many deals on the internet which are seasonal and provide many incentives to travel. We suggest you compare all prices and endeavour to get the best deal from your travel agent.

Immigration Procedures

When considering coming to Australia, either contact the Australian High Commission or Australian Consulate or an accredited agent who deals with Australian visa options. If you plan to work and holiday, we suggest you apply for a Working Holiday Maker visa, with other visa options available for later consideration.

The Working Holiday Maker Visa – One Year Maximum Validity

Australia's working holiday maker program allows working holiday makers to have an extended holiday in Australia by supplementing their travel funds through incidental employment, and to experience closer contact with a local community.

Australia has reciprocal working holiday maker arrangements with 14 foreign countries: the United Kingdom, Canada, the Netherlands, Japan, Ireland, Korea, Malta, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Hong Kong SAR, Finland and Cyprus.

Criteria for visas

All Australian Working Holiday visa applications must be made overseas. Applicants need to be:

- **passport holders from arrangement countries**
- **aged between 18 and 30, and**
- **without dependent children**

Their main reason for coming to Australia should be to holiday; any work they do should be to support themselves while they holiday. They should have a return ticket or sufficient funds for a return or onward fare as well as sufficient funds for the first part of their stay.

Working holiday makers are permitted a stay of 12 months from date of initial entry to Australia regardless of whether or not they spend the whole period in Australia. They are allowed to study or train for up to three months and to work for any one employer/school for no longer than 3 months. Candidates wishing to apply for positions of longer contract duration would need to obtain a school's sponsorship and apply for the 457 Visa.

Your visa application in your Country can be made online to your Appropriate Australian Embassy or Consulate and the approved travel authority will usually be forwarded to you by email within 2 – 3 days. Applications can also be made by mail and in person.

Immigration Procedures Teachers over Age 30

A different class of visa is required for teachers over age 30. Please contact Resource Ed Personnel for further information.

Appropriate Teacher Qualifications

Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT's) should hold an appropriate Bachelors degree in Education or an undergraduate degree plus a one year Graduate Diploma in Teaching. It appears the teacher education programs offered by universities are adequate in most Countries. A minimum of 45 days of evaluated teaching practice is also required. Australia requires some form of teacher registration to teach in Australia. This registration can be obtained from the Teaching Authorities from each Australian State.

Teacher Registration in Victoria

All teachers must be registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) before they are permitted to teach at government, independent or catholic schools in Victoria.

The Four main requirements for teacher registration, are:

- 1. Appropriate, recognised teaching qualification**
- 2. Supervised Teaching Practice - minimum 45 days**
- 3. Character reference**
- 4. Police Check or an Appropriate Criminal Records Check**
- 5. A valid passport and visa for entry into Australia**
- 6. A Tax File number from the Australian Taxation Office**
(<http://www.ato.gov.au/>). This is a requirement for all employees working in Australia. The form is available from the ATO or as a download from our site.

Please forward your completed application to Resource Ed Personnel, ensuring you have all the forms and have supplied certified photocopies of all original documentation, including your passport and visa acceptance into Australia.

Teaching Opportunities in New Zealand and the United Kingdom

After the completion of your 12 month stay in Australia, you may wish to continue to work and travel. Similar Supply and Contract teaching positions could also be sourced and provided in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Further information is available upon request.

Applications

Send your application to Resource Ed Personnel Pty Ltd. The address is in the Join and Information package. We strongly suggest you read all the download documentation, as it will give you help and support with teaching within Victoria. The documentation has appropriate web address for curriculum materials and other support agencies within Victoria.

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Organisations and contacts

This website contains information on various government and non-government education organisations within Australia.

State and territory government school education websites

State and territory government school education websites

Australian Capital Territory Department of Education and Training

New South Wales Department of Education and Training

Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training

Education Queensland

South Australia Department of Education and Children's Services

Tasmania Department of Education

Victoria Department of Education and Training

Western Australia Department of Education and Training

Non-government education authorities' websites

Australian Associations of Christian Schools

Christian Schools Australia

Independent Schools Council of Australia

Lutheran Education Australia

National Catholic Education Commission

National education authorities

Many of following education authorities' websites provide avenues to access further relevant information, including related state authorities.

Australian Associations of Christian Schools

Australian Principals Associations Professional Development Council

Christian Schools Australia

Independent Schools Council of Australia

Lutheran Education Australia

Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training & Youth Affairs (MCEETYA)

National Catholic Education Commission

National Institute for Quality Teaching & School Leadership