

# DO YOU QUALIFY TO TEACH ENGLISH IN CHINA ?

Beijing Education Review Committee

## Foreign Teacher Self Assessment Evaluation Test

<i>Minimum: 100 points required</i>	Value	Points
<b>Ethnic Origin</b>		
<i>English 5</i> (Australia, British Isles, Canada, New Zealand & United States)	30	
Mother Tongue	20	
Native Speaker	10	
<b>University Degree</b> (Accredited Institution full score – non-accredited institutions ½ score)		
Arts	30	
Humanities	30	
Science	35	
Education	35	
Business	35	
+with honors	5	
<b>Post Graduate</b>		
Arts	5	
Business	10	
Computer	15	
Sciences	5	
Doctorate	20	
<b>TESOL, TESL, CELTA*</b>		
Basic	10	
Intermediate	25	
Advanced	35	
Instructor	40	
<b>Teaching Certificate</b>		
General Certificate	10	
Kindergarten/Infants	5	
Elementary	10	
Secondary	15	
Sciences	20	
<b>University Positions</b>		
Lecturer	20	
Professor	30	
<b>Teaching Experience</b> (Points per Year of Service)		
<b>TEFL</b>		
Certified Teacher	Years x 1pt	
Technical Instructor	Years x 1pt	
University (Faculty) Lecturer	Years x 3pt	
<b>TESL</b>		
China		
With Letter of Release / Recommendation	Years x 5pt	

Without Letter	Years x 2pt	
Elsewhere in Asia		
With letter	Years x 3pts	
Elsewhere in World	Years x 1pt	
Community Assistance Programs	3 Years x 1pt	
<b>Professional Qualifications [Diploma]</b>		
Business Administration [or Verifiable Senior Corporate Management Positions]	10	
Computer IT/Programming	10	
Accountancy/ Legal Practice	10	
Medical Sciences	10	
Agrisciences	10	
Industrial Sciences	10	
Other	5	
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	5	
Female	10	
<b>Age</b>		
20-25 Years	5	
26-35 Years	10	
36-45 Years	8	
46-60 Years	5	
<b>Nationality</b>		
Australia / New Zealand	5	
British Isles	8	
North American	10	
Other 1 <sup>st</sup> Language English	5	
	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	

### **How to evaluate your points score**

You may qualify to be appointed to a position as Teacher of English with a Central Government Approved Education Institution in China according to the following table. Please note, all appointments are subject to vacancies.

<b>Sorry, but you do not qualify as an English teacher in China.</b>	Less than 85 points
<b>Very limited number of positions exists in a few schools**.</b>	More than 85 points but less than 100 points.
<b>Elementary/ Junior Secondary/ Vocational College teacher.</b>	100 points but less than 120 points
<b>Senior Secondary/ Tertiary College teacher.</b>	120 points but less than 150 points
<b>University teacher / tutor.</b>	150 points but less than 200 points
<b>University Lecturer.</b>	More than 200 points

The points allocated do not reflect the applicants attributes or credentials, only employer institutions' preferences. China is an equal opportunity employer.

## REFERENCE NOTES:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC. State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, Department of Cultural and Educational Experts Affairs [SAFEA] Regulations state:

*""An ordinary foreign teacher of language shall have earned a bachelor or higher degree<sup>1</sup> and professional training on language teaching as well as some amount of language teaching experience.""*

### **ACADEMIC (requirements):**

1. Your university degree can be any subject or Internationally Recognized Certificate or Diploma in Education, Business, Management or related fields that are considered acceptable substitutes for a university degree.
2. TESOL, CELTA or similar Training Certificate [preferred, but not essential]
3. Previous experience in teaching ESL or EFL, a great asset, and may substitute for TESOL/CELTA Certificate.

### **LANGUAGE (Defined):**

#### ***English Five***

English Five, means nationals from British Isles, Australia, Canada, New Zealand or United States who speak clear and clean English, whether British or American, with good enunciation and diction that is not unduly influenced by the vernacular, colloquial and other parochial nuances.

#### ***Mother Tongue***

Mother tongue, by definition, means that the person was raised in a family whose only first language is English.

#### ***Native Speakers***

Nationals from former British possessions in Africa and Asia, and other countries that have adopted English as their official language do not necessarily qualify as English Teachers. Although the official language of a country may be English, most often at family level local languages and dialect are spoken as Mother Tongue and this impacts heavily on the spoken English.

Nationals from European countries, other than the British Isles, may be suitable if they can clearly demonstrate spoken English with very minimum of accent, this normally applies to persons who were born or raised from an early age in an "English Five" country.

#### ***Other Comments:***

Over 90% of all English teachers in China are required to teach "Oral, Spoken or Conversational English", which requires the teacher have a strong conviction to teach, excellent communication skills, sound understanding of English grammar and idioms, rich personality, and very good sense of humor. Being somewhat philosophical also helps.

Please understand that China has one of the highest per capita literacy rates in the world and that English is a compulsory subject in nearly all schools. Teachers coming to China will find their students at secondary and university levels well versed in English grammar and possessing excellent writing skills, often superior, age for age, with western societies.

Foreign Teachers do not need to know or understand Chinese, but they certainly should have a thorough knowledge of their mother tongue.

\* If you have extensive experience in one of the sciences, commerce or industry and can provide verifiable support documentation, and have had experience as an instructor, your application may be considered under the *Appointment of Foreign Experts* provisions of the regulations.

If you achieved a score of 100 points or more you may be eligible to teach in China, subject to acceptance by an educational institution. Being eligible does not necessarily mean you will be accepted for a position.