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JOB PROFILE

Journalist / media & communication

Jornalista / komunikasaun

IT, media & creative · ISCO-08 2642

Journalists find the news, check the facts and tell the public through newspapers, radio, TV and the internet. The Constitution protects press freedom. The Government plans a Journalists Training Institute and training for media officers in ministries and municipalities.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**Certificate IV** INDMO national certificate
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No demand data for Timor-Leste yet
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia PEV: any job, with a job offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$292 / month** Average for all professionals in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Find the news: Follow events, meetings and press conferences; Interview people; Read documents and reports to find stories.

Check the facts: Check information with more than one source; Keep names and quotes correct; Follow the law and the rules of the profession.

Write and present: Write news stories and longer reports; Record stories for radio and TV; Take photos and short videos.

Edit and publish: Edit your own and others' work; Choose stories and headlines; Publish online and on social media.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 2642, Journalists.

WHERE YOU WORK

News agency (TATOLI, the national news agency); Public radio and TV (RTTL); Community radio and private media (The Government plans support for new community radios and private media); Ministries and municipalities (Media officers for official communication).

News does not wait. You work to tight deadlines, at events, at night and at weekends, and you travel to the municipalities.

The Press Council is the independent regulator of the media. The Government says it will support the national journalists' associations and more media in the municipalities.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Writing clearly, Asking questions, Languages, Honesty and fairness, Working fast.

You like: News and current events, Meeting people, Telling stories, Radio, TV and social media.

The Government wants journalists to use the official languages correctly. Good Tetun and Portuguese help, and English opens more doors.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Certificate IV in Media and Communication** · INDMO national certificate
- **Journalists Training Institute** · Planned in the Government programme 2023–2028. Courses: to confirm.
- **Training for media officers in ministries and municipalities** · A professional training programme planned by the Government.

Which centres teach the certificate, course length and fees: to confirm. Universities may also teach communication; the list here is incomplete. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Trainee reporter** · Certificate IV in Media and Communication
- **Journalist or communication officer** · News media, government or NGOs
- **Editor or head of communication** · Years of experience
- **Your own media business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · No official programme recruits Timorese workers for this job yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer first.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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