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JOB PROFILE

Language teacher (English, Korean, Portuguese)

Profesór/a lian (Inglés, Koreanu, Portugés)

Education & childcare · ISCO-08 2353

Language teachers teach children and adults to speak, read and write a new language, such as English, Portuguese or Korean, mostly outside the normal school system. Some come from abroad: in 2017 the Labour Inspection listed 33 foreign workers in Timor-Leste as "English professors".

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**Certificate I–II** INDMO General English, to learn the language
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**Foreign workers** 33 foreign English professors in 2017
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

Plan lessons: Plan lessons for each level, from beginners up; Prepare texts, recordings, games and tests; Fit lessons to what learners need, such as work or study abroad.

Teach: Teach speaking, listening, reading and writing; Explain grammar and new words simply; Run conversation practice and role plays.

Check progress: Test each learner's level when they start; Mark tests and track progress; Prepare learners for language exams.

Run the class: Keep attendance and records; Use computers, phones and audio in class; Report progress to employers or sponsors.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 2353, Other language teachers.

WHERE YOU WORK

Language schools (Private classes for children and adults); Training centres (Some teach Certificate I in General English); Work-abroad preparation (APTC proposed an English course for workers aiming at jobs in Australia); Private lessons (One learner or a small group).

Classes can be in the evening or at weekends, when learners are free from work or school.

The government wants children in basic education to learn Tetum and Portuguese, plus basic English as a foreign language. It also plans to train Timorese teachers to spread Portuguese through CAFE schools.

Be aware: a 2017 report found more graduates in Portuguese language than online job ads asked for. Its data was limited.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Speaking the language very well, Patience, Speaking in front of a group, Explaining clearly, Making lessons fun.

You like: Languages and other cultures, Helping people reach their goals, Talking with people, Preparing activities.

You need to know the language very well yourself, and to learn how to teach it.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Certificate I in General English** · INDMO national certificate, to learn English
- **Certificate II in General English** · INDMO national certificate, to learn English

These certificates teach the language, not how to teach it. Courses for language teachers, and courses for Portuguese and Korean: to confirm. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Language learner** · Certificate I–II in General English
- **Language teacher** · Teaching method training: to confirm
- **Trainer and assessor** · Certificate III–IV in Training and Assessment
- **Your own language school** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · No official programme recruits Timorese language teachers for work abroad yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer from an Australian employer 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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From the Servisu jobs directory. Every figure has a source; "to confirm" means none yet. http://servisu.oftimor.com/jobs-directory/language-teacher/?lang=en