



Applying for TESL Canada Certification

I'm delighted that so many of you are starting to apply for TESL Canada Certification. Here's my guide through the procedures.

Our www.twu.ca/tesol page states: *The TWU TESOL Certificate teacher training program is recognized by TESL Canada. Individuals with a bachelor's degree who complete the 26 credits qualify for TESL Canada Standard 2 (Interim). It is the student's responsibility to apply for this further accreditation. TESL Canada promotes advocacy for ESL learners, unifies teachers and learners by providing a forum and network capabilities, supports the sharing of knowledge and experiences across Canada, and represents diverse needs and interests in TESL nationally and internationally.*

So, how do you get that certification?

- 1) Go to tesl.ca
- 2) On the top bar, click on "Certification", then click on "Application Forms", then "Standard Two [Interim]".
- 3) Fill in Page 1.
 - a. If you live in BC, click on TESL Canada direct membership. Follow that link to a) sign up, and b) pay \$30. If you are from another province, you need to become a member of their provincial association.
 - b. If you are a non-native language speaker, you need to provide proof of your English language proficiency (IELTS minimum 7 in each skill area; TOEFL iBT overall 101 with a minimum of 23 in Listening, 24 in Reading, 27 in Speaking, 27 in Writing).
- 4) Fill in Page 2.
 - a. For TESL/TEFL Training: the institution (Trinity Western University), the contact person (Kay McAllister), the Program name (TESOL Certificate), and the date (whenever you completed).
 - b. For the practicum, fill in the name of the school and sponsor teacher together with mailing address for school and email address for sponsor teacher. Kay McAllister is the practicum supervisor. You spent 15 hours observing in the classroom, and 10 hours of supervised teaching practice.
- 5) Ensure you have ALL supporting documents, filling in the checklist on page 3. Your application will be returned if the documentation is not complete.

Please follow these procedures to the letter, or your application will not be accepted. And...please let me know when you receive your certification. It is great to know who has taken this extra step in certification.

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