

Visiting Spanish Teachers Checklist

The Programme

<p>Is it approved by the Department? It's the result of an MoU between DE and Ministry of Education and Culture of Spain</p>	✓
<p>Track record? Programme has been running successfully in other jurisdictions for many years</p>	✓
<p>Additional value to our school? Offers students the opportunity to learn how to interact with and respect other cultures</p>	✓
<p>Value for the future? Opportunity to develop relationships and exchanges with the Spanish teacher's school</p>	✓
<p>Did consultation take place on the programme? Yes, with the Teaching Council, in the Department of Education with Teacher Education Section (Teacher Supply), Teacher Allocations, Terms and Conditions, ESR, International Section, the Inspectorate, Post Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI) and with the school management bodies.</p>	✓
<p>Is my school eligible to apply? All publicly funded post-primary schools in Ireland that have unfilled Spanish teaching positions which are part of Department of Education allocation hours are eligible. The positions should be full-time with a minimum of 15 hours for Spanish.</p>	✓

The Teachers

<p>Qualified Teachers? Fully recognised and registered in Spain and employed as Civil Servants with the Ministry of Education</p>	✓
<p>Have a job back home? On career break for one year, extendable to two years (Note: any teacher staying for a second year would be entitled to a CID if they chose to stay in Ireland)</p>	✓
<p>Teaching Experience? Minimum of two years</p>	✓
<p>Good English? Advanced level of English</p>	✓
<p>Can register with the Teaching Council Each teacher has been pre-screened to ensure they meet the criteria</p>	✓
<p>Screened for suitability to the Irish schools context? Initially by Ministry of Education in Spain, then by DE and PPLI</p>	✓

When will I be offered a teacher? As soon as possible after the deadline for submission of Expression of Interest	✓
Can my school interview the teacher? Yes, but this must take place in time for a decision to be made on employment of a Visiting Spanish Teacher by the end of April	✓
Employed with the same Terms and Conditions as other teachers? The same terms and conditions as apply to other teachers in the host school in accordance with their pay policy apply. All contracts will be compliant with Irish employment law with regard to fixed term contracts.	✓
Does the teacher need to be garda vetted for the relevant sector? Yes, the same as the requirements for any other teacher being employed	✓

Support

Will someone oversee the programme? DE and a representative of the Ministry of Education in Spain in Ireland, with support from Post-Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI)	✓
PPS Numbers? Department of Education will liaise with Department of Social Protection on these	✓
Accommodation? PPLI will fund an agency to source accommodation	✓
Incremental credit for years of service? DE will ensure that incremental credit applications are processed in a timely manner	✓
Orientation and Induction Provided by the Spanish embassy and PPLI	✓
Good English? Advanced level of English	✓
Can register with the Teaching Council Each teacher has been pre-screened to ensure they meet the criteria	✓
Participation in Droichead and school mentoring programmes Yes, the same as other teachers	✓

If you have a question or query that is not answered here please feel free to contact:
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