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## Types of Schools

- 1) PUBLIC SCHOOL JOBS: EPIK does most of the hiring for public school jobs across Korea. They hire 2 times each yr, with start dates of late Feb and late Aug. Applicants must apply 4-6 months in advance. School hours: 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., only 22 x 45min classes per week + 4 weeks of paid vacation. Rock-solid, government contract.  
**\*As of Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, all public schools require TEFL, BA in English, Master's, or B. Ed.**
- 2) HOGWANS (Institute or Academy) – try and hire teachers to start in March/Aug. 30 teaching hrs each week, with 2 months of paid vacation.
  - a. **Kindergarten and elementary school** – (About 10am to about 6pm), with you teaching no more than 30 hours each week. Teachers over 35 are not often hired to teach the younger kids in Korea.
  - b. **Elementary and middle school** \*– (Teaching hours: About 1 p.m. to around 9 p.m.). Most of your classes would be with elementary aged students.

**\*Middle school or high school.** There are very few jobs teaching this age group in Korea.

  - c. **Adult, or university aged students** – (Teaching hours: split shift, 7 to 11am, and 5 to 9 p.m.

**Contracts:** always include free furnished housing, max of 30 teaching hrs/week, 50% medical, 2 weeks of paid vacation, free flight to and from Korea, completion bonus of 1 month's salary. \*Pension is only offered at 50% of schools, even though it's Korean law.

## Cities

- 1) **Rural or small cities** - These cities are perfect for those who want to immerse themselves in everything Korean, or save lots of money. Always within 1 hr of a large/medium sized city.
- 2) **Medium sized cities, and Seoul satellite cities** – These major cities have between 600,000 and 3 million people. There will be lots of other westerners around, as well as countless restaurants, good movie theatres, western style bars frequented by all of the other English speaking community and cultural events to keep your schedules booked. Seoul or Busan within 1-2hrs.
- 3) **Seoul or Busan** – Huge, sprawling, fun and expensive. Since jobs are on such high demand, schools do their best to only hire swf's. A good 2<sup>nd</sup> option would be the satellite cities around Seoul, which are still part of the Seoul subway system.

**\*\*** We have had our best success with teachers living in the medium-sized, or satellite cities. They offer a really nice balance of lots of westerners around, and foreign-friendly entertainment, while still offering a Korean experience.

## Am I Qualified?

To qualify to obtain an E2 visa in Korea, you must have: (as defined by the Korean Government)

- 1) Passport from a native English speaking country. The Korean government recognizes: United States, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand
- 2) At least a 3 or 4 year degree, in any major, from an accredited university in a native English speaking country.
- 3) Clean criminal record check from your country. (a minor offense may be allowed- ask us if you're in doubt)
- 4) You must have received your education in one of the 7 native English speaking countries from middle school through university.

## E2 Visa – Documents Needed

1. A photocopy of your university degree that has been apostilled
2. Sealed university transcripts (3)
3. Copy of the Info Page in your Passport
4. 4 color passport photos
5. A Signed copy of your resume with correct address and contact information
6. **Criminal Record Check – national level only! For USA teachers this means FBI. This document must be apostilled**
7. Medical Statement Form – clean
8. 2 letters of reference (public schools only) that are: signed, dated, on school/company letterhead, 1 page in length, written strongly in support of you.