

Section A

Information about the vacancy

Recruitment Responsibility	Gulnoz Nadjemidinova	Date	28.12.2018
Location	Uzbekistan	Job code	
Job Title	IELTS examiner	Job Type	Full-time
Start Date	01.04.2019	Closing Date	31.01.2019
Advertise job	internal /external	Number of posts	2

Advert text

The British Council Uzbekistan is offering an excellent opportunity to discover one of Central Asia's best kept secrets. We are recruiting **two fulltime IELTS examiners** on one-year contracts. We are looking for qualified examiners with an interest in gaining experience in the fascinating, unique context of Uzbekistan.

There are currently 4 IELTS test sessions per month in Tashkent and the post holder will conduct the IELTS Speaking tests in Tashkent and occasionally travel to other cities in the country. In addition to examining duties, the incumbent will support ELT development in the country through a range of activities for learners and teachers.

The excellent package includes a salary paid into a UK bank account; 21 days' leave plus 14 national holidays, baggage allowance, visa and flights. Furnished accommodation will also be provided (utilities not included).

For further information and to apply, candidates should send their completed application form to **Gulnoz Nadjemidinova, Exams Manager** info@britishcouncil.uz

Deadline for applications is **January 31, 2019**.

The British Council is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and is keen to reflect the diversity of UK society at every level within the organisation. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. In line with the British Council's Child Protection policy, any appointment is contingent on thorough checks. In the UK, and in other countries where appropriate systems exist, these include criminal records checks.

Local restrictions on employment (if any)

The post holder will need to have visa to enter Uzbekistan. British Council will assist with the visa and work permit application but offers of employment are subject to issuance of the required documents.

Section B

Information about the Exam Centre. A brief overview.

We promote and deliver a range of exams and assessment products including IELTS test. Exams are delivered in Tashkent, Namangan and Urgench, but predominantly in Tashkent. IELTS is administered throughout the year.

Section C

Information about the terms and conditions of service (TACOS). Whilst the information below was accurate at time of writing, specific details and entitlements are subject to change.

Job Overview

The post holder will be responsible for delivery of IELTS oral interviews. The post will work closely with Examinations Services Assistants and will report directly to Exams Manager.

Contract Length	12 months	Renewable Period	1 year
Contract Type	Full-time	No. of Staff Managed	none
Contract Hours	37.5	Contact Hours	n/a

Annual Salary

GBP 33 000

Income Tax & National Insurance

Tax free – paid in sterling into a UK bank account

Fares & Travel

One economy class airfare at the start and end of the contract

Baggage Allowance

Baggage allowance – up to GBP 1200 at the beginning and the end of the contract

Annual Leave Allowance

21 working days + 14 days national holidays

Medical Allowance

Medical care allowance up to GBP 1,500 per annum paid by the Council directly to Tashkent International Clinic on receipt of supporting documentation from the clinic.

Accommodation Allowance

Accountable accommodation allowance – up to GBP 8,000 per annum. The British Council will help you to find accommodation and pay the rent directly on your behalf. Utilities, internet, TV etc. are the responsibility of the post holder.

Any Other Allowances

British Council will pay for up to two weeks' accommodation in a hotel upon your arrival. You will need to pay for your meals and other expenses

Section D Information about the place

Country Overview

The region's cradle of culture for more than two millennia, Uzbekistan is the proud home of incredible architecture and ancient cities immersed within the history of the Silk Road. In terms of sights alone, Uzbekistan is Central Asia's biggest draw.

Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva never fail to impress visitors with their fabulous mosques, madrassas and mausoleums, while its more eccentric attractions, such as the Aral Sea, the fortresses of desperately remote Karakalpakstan, its capital Tashkent and the ecotourism opportunities of the Nuratau Mountains, mean a wide range of tastes are catered for.

Uzbekistan is an extremely friendly country where hospitality remains an essential element of daily life and visitors are made to feel genuinely welcome by the people you meet.

City Overview

Tashkent is the biggest and one of the oldest cities in Central Asia with a history of 2200 years. It is an ancient city on the Great Silk Road from China to Europe. The main city of Uzbekistan is a huge metropolis with a population of over 3 million people. The city is lined with a grid of straight and wide streets and avenues, decorated with green parks, gardens and fountains.

This wonderful city is a real embodiment of the modern elegance that is inherent in many world capitals. At the same time it remains to be an oriental city. Tashkent has its own unique flavour. It combines medieval buildings as if descended from the pages of old oriental tales, elegant European architecture from the period of the Turkestan governor-generalship, standard concrete "boxes" of the Soviet era and, finally, glittering skyscrapers of glass and concrete (modern business centres and banks).

Climate

Geographically Uzbekistan is a series of oases located along the rivers flowing from the Pamirs and Tyan Shan into the Great Steppe and deserts, which shapes its sharp continental climate. The terrain is mostly flat-to-rolling sandy desert with dunes; broad flat intensely irrigated river valleys along the course of the Amu Darya, Syr Darya and Zarafshan rivers; the famed Fergana Valley in the east is surrounded by mountainous Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan; the shrinking Aral Sea is in the west. While summer is invariably hot and dry (around +40C during the day), autumn can be pleasantly warm with unpredictable switches from Indian summer to early snow and back again. Winter can be quite chilly (-1C in the morning on some days). Spring is usually warm, pleasant and sunny. The best times to visit are April to June and September to November.

Accommodation

There are various flats and houses available for rent in Tashkent. British Council will assist the post holder with finding accommodation if required.

General living costs & conditions

The two main supermarkets are Korzinka and Macro both selling pretty much the same items. It is better to buy fruit and vegetables in the local food markets where you will have a better variety. Prices are generally much the same between vendors though there is always room for some negotiation. Vendors speak very little English but are usually happy to help. Fruit and vegetables are generally seasonal though there are some stalls that offer imported produce though these are more expensive. Some corner food shops are open until very late and the small booths incorporated into bus stops offer a wide range of goods – from batteries to razors to beer 24 hours a day.

Generally prices of local products are reasonably cheap though imported products are expensive – it is

therefore advisable to stock up on your 'expat essentials' before you come.

Security

Petty crime rates in Tashkent are comparatively low and there is a very visible police presence throughout the city. However, it is still best to be cautious (particularly in crowded places like bazaars and metros), to avoid travelling alone at night and to carry your passport at all times. You will be stopped and your bags will be checked on entry to the metro, hotels and some shopping centres.

Transport & Communication

The transport system in Tashkent is excellent with most examiners using the metro which covers most of the city very cheaply. Trains run approximately every 10 minutes and at the time of writing the cost of any single journey is 1200 soum. There are also buses and taxis as well as private cars which although useful are not recommended. Prices for taxis and private cars should be negotiated unless you have phoned to book.

There are a few mobile phone companies in Uzbekistan offering a reasonable range of services including internet bundles. Most hotels, cafes and restaurants also have wifi access.

General Health, Medical & Dental Care

The best medical service is provided by Tashkent International Medical Clinic (Tel: 2910142, 291 07 26, mob: +99897-3364988).

If you require simple medicines, pharmacies ('Dorixona' in Uzbek and 'Apteka' in Russian) are not difficult to find and generally adequately stocked.

Job Opportunities for Partners

Job opportunities are very limited. However, there are several international companies and seven international universities – as well as several international schools, which occasionally have openings.

Schooling & Childcare

There are several international schools, most notable are the Tashkent International School (Elementary - Secondary) www.tashschool.org and British School of Tashkent (age 3-8), www.britishschool.uz

Any Other Information (Shopping facilities, entertainment, leisure.)**Shopping**

Tashkent has some interesting and colourful bazaars (particularly Chorsu) and a decent range of shops selling souvenirs and traditional crafts.

Nightlife

There are a selection of pubs, clubs and restaurants where you can sometimes hear live music by local bands. Restaurants include Italian, Turkish, Indian, Chinese, Pakistani, Georgian etc. There are cinemas most tend to be dubbed. The theatres are cheap and you can easily go to the ballet or opera very cheaply.

Eating out

There are a number of very good restaurants including Indian, Turkish, Chinese, Korean etc. Vegetarian food can be found though limited and even rarer outside of the capital. Often many seemingly vegetarian dishes will be cooked using meat stock. For other diets, gluten free food is a very new concept, there are limited shops selling gluten free flour etc but these are expensive. Gluten free dishes are not available in restaurants and cafes.

Being a predominantly Muslim country the availability of pork is limited and most meat sold should be halal.

Things to do

Most examiners spend their time at the gym, going to cafes, reading or studying. There are other expats in

Tashkent though they can be difficult to meet. The best places to meet are probably at the quiz nights held once/twice a week or in the Irish pub.