

Coaching around the world

Surf coaching overseas can often be a highlight in a coach's career. We hope you find this info useful. The Surfing England Trainer Assessors and Accredited Surf Schools' network are a fountain of knowledge and experience of surf instructing, coaching, and training at all levels world-wide.

International recognition

In England we reciprocate the same transfer onboarding systems for these nations as below in this table of requirements, with more nations setting up partnerships with our award all the time. Our new program is fast becoming recognised for its quality.

Gain their award to coach in:	Surfing England Instructor-Recreation award	Comparison with ISA 1 award
Australia https://surfingaustralia.com/	Do an assessed lesson, Do the national surf lifesaving award assessment, Take out Surfing Australia membership, (55\$AUS at the time of writing)	Do an assessed lesson, Do the national surf lifesaving award assessment, Take out Surfing Australia membership, (55\$AUS at the time of writing)
New Zealand https://surfingnz.co.nz/	Complete the standardised requirements set by surfing NZ	Complete the standardised requirements set by surfing NZ
Portugal https://www.surfingportugal.com/	'Surfing Grau 1' required by government authorities. E-learning sports coaching training (41 hours), then 6 days of workshops, followed by 550 hours internship (120 contact hours)	'Surfing Grau 1' required by government authorities. E-learning sports coaching training (41 hours) then 6 days of workshops, followed by 550 hours internship (120 contact hours)
Spain https://www.fesurf.es/ https://www.fesurf.es/formacion/curso-entrenador-nacional-surfing-nivel-1-pf-112sfsf01/#1631628152561-6ab41de8-10ce	Common block 60hrs + 2hr exam Specific block 86hrs (of which 48hrs in person) + 2hr exam Coaching practice 150 hrs	Common block 60hrs + 2hr exam Specific block 86hrs (of which 48hrs in person) + 2hr exam Coaching practice 150 hrs
France https://www.surfingfrance.com/ https://www.guichet-qualifications.fr/en/dqp/sport/surf-instructor.html	DEJEPS is a Level 3-certified diploma (Bac 2/3). This diploma can be obtained by taking 700 hours of initial training in a training centre followed by 500 coaching /training hours in alternating structure or through the VAE.	DEJEPS is a Level 3-certified diploma (Bac 2/3). This diploma can be obtained by taking 700 hours of initial training in a training centre followed by 500 coaching /training hours in alternating structure or through the VAE.

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<https://www.surfingengland.org/coaching-hub/become-a-surf-instructor/>

Further info

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Things to consider

There are lots of factors to consider when applying for work overseas. We've pulled together a few points to help with that process.

- Get advice about travelling abroad, and check the latest detail for the country you are going to work in. <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>
- Check your status to work abroad and what visas you may need <https://www.gov.uk/working-abroad>
- Check that the surf school you intend to work for is accredited with its home federation / national governing body
- Check with the national governing body what additional qualifications or training you may need to undertake, including membership
- The ILS (International Lifeguarding Federation) has equivalency tables for your lifesaving qualification, and you may be asked for a certificate by a surf school or NGB. We would recommend doing the full NVBLQ - Detail and transfer through RLSS explained here <https://www.rlss.org.uk/international-lifeguarding-qualification>
- Ensure that you have appropriate insurance for working in that country as well as travel insurance

We'd love to hear from you about your coaching journey, particularly if you've taken our new instructor award and any advice or connections you received through your Trainer Assessor.

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