

2027 Language Assistant Program

Department of Education Western Australia

Interested in working as an Indonesian Language Assistant in Western Australia? Apply now for the 2027 program!

ROLE

Language Assistants (LAs) support primary and secondary language programs for one school year. They work alongside language teachers to share contemporary cultural knowledge and help students develop their communication skills in Indonesian.

Typical duties include:

- preparing lessons and developing resources
- supporting conversation classes
- working with small groups
- assisting with whole-class activities
- engaging students in learning about the Indonesian language, culture, daily life, and youth experiences

Language Assistants are employed as Education Assistants (Mainstream Level 1.1) and will always work under the supervision of the language teacher.

BENEFITS

As a Language Assistant, you will have the opportunity to:

- share your contemporary knowledge of the Indonesian language and culture
- help teachers and students build fluency and confidence
- support all communication modes (listening, speaking, reading, viewing, writing)
- promote cultural understanding across the school community
- highlight the value of intercultural and language competency
- encourage and model the benefits of learning a language, including enhanced career opportunities

PROGRAM DATES

- LAs are expected to arrive in Perth, Western Australia, from **Monday, 18 January 2027**. The Department will provide up to **three weeks of paid accommodation**, including meals. After this period, LAs are responsible for their own long-term accommodation.

- LAs will receive a **12-month full-time employment contract**, commencing **Thursday, 28 January 2027** and concluding **Friday, 28 January 2028**.
 - Work in schools begins **Thursday, 28 January 2027 (Term 1)** and finishes **Friday, 17 December 2027 (Term 4)**.
 - LAs remain on full pay until the contract ends on **Friday, 28 January 2028**.
 - Under the current General Agreement, LAs earn approximately **AUD \$58,728 per annum (before tax)**.
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WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM SUCCESSFUL?

- Successful applicants will be notified by email in **June 2026**.
- You will receive an employment contract from the Department of Education, which must be signed and returned.
- You will then receive a letter of invitation from your host school in Western Australia.
- Once you have received this invitation, you may apply for a **Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408), Special Program stream**, through the Department of Home Affairs. This visa costs **AUD \$430** and must be paid by the applicant.
- After your visa is granted, you may book your flights. Travel costs are paid by you.

Please note:

- Previous holders of a 408 visa under this program are **not eligible** to reapply.
- This program is **for single participants only**; partners and family members cannot be included.
- Ensure you have sufficient funds for initial expenses in Australia (e.g., rental bond — typically four weeks' rent — plus two weeks' rent in advance).

HOW DO I APPLY?

Refer to the Selection Announcement for detailed information about the application process.

Applications are to be emailed to [Balai Bahasa Indonesian Perth](mailto:lap@balaibahasaperth.org). Please direct your enquiries to: lap@balaibahasaperth.org