



Welcome

# Au-Pair FAQ

## 1. What does an Au-Pair do?

The Au-Pair will be living with the host family like a regular family member assuming daily tasks throughout their stay with them. They are primarily in charge of childcare. Furthermore, they will help with light housework related to childcare.

## 2. Does the Au-Pair live with the family?

Yes, the Au-Pair lives with the host-family and becomes a part of it while acting as a loving caregiver for younger children and a big sister/brother to older children.

## 3. How many hours per week do the Au-Pairs work?

The family will require them to work approximately 35 hours per week. Au-Pairs' days off will depend on family needs with at least 1 full day off during the weekend.

## 4. How long is the minimum stay with the host family?

We require a 6 months minimum stay and we also accept au pair candidates for 3 months but only during the summer months (Jun-Aug).

## 5. Will the Au Pair receive a salary?

No, au pair will not receive a salary. The host family will pay to the au pair a certain amount of pocket money. It varies according to the relevant host country and partly depends on your working hours.

## 6. Can Au Pairs care for special needs children?

Yes, Au Pairs are allowed to care for special needs children, as identified by the Host Family, when the Au Pair has specifically identified their prior experience, skills or training in the care of special needs children and the Host Family has reviewed and acknowledged in writing the Au Pair's prior experience, skills or training so identified.

## 7. How long does it take in order to confirm the candidate/host family?

The timeline varies depending on various factors: host family and au pair speed in submitting the final paperwork, host family speed in reviewing the candidates, au pair speed in answering emails, giving us feedback... Typically, an au pair arrives from 4 to 8 weeks after the match is finalised.

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**8. How old at least need to be the au pair candidate?**

She must be at least 18 years old.

**9. Can the Au Pair drive?**

If the au pair candidate has a full driving license, she can drive for your host family.

**10. Can the Au Pair care for my pets?**

Au Pairs should only provide child care related services and should not be required to care for a pet also. However, basic duties such as leaving food or water for a pet are considered reasonable.

**11. Can the Au Pair candidate attend an English Course?**

Language courses are a great idea to help really improve your English and we would highly recommend them. The cost of a language course is not included in the programme fees, but we can help organise one for you. The cost will depend on the city where the host family lives. In some cases the host family will agree to contribute towards the cost of a language course but this is not required of them.