

Side Hustle: How Teachers Can Make an Extra Buck

Introduction

Let's be honest-while teaching is one of the most rewarding professions, it doesn't always reward our wallets the way we wish it would. In today's economy, where prices are rising faster than our salaries, many teachers find themselves constantly stretching their income. Whatever the reason, one truth remains: teachers are looking for ways to earn more. The good news is that as educators, we already have valuable skills that can open up several side hustle opportunities-many of which are flexible and don't require a massive time investment to get started.

1. Private Tutoring

One of the easiest and most common ways for teachers to earn extra income. Offering extra lessons-either online or in person-can make a significant difference.

2. Homework Supervision Classes

Consider hosting afternoon homework classes. These can be held at your school, home, or a community center. They support learners and lighten the load for parents.

3. Private Coaching or Extracurriculars

Use your talents to coach learners privately or in small groups in activities like sports, chess, debate, or arts.

4. Winter and Spring School Facilitation

Grade 12 teachers are in high demand for these programs, offering paid opportunities to support learners during holidays.

5. NSC Exam Marking

If eligible, apply to become a national exam marker. It offers income and improves your assessment skills.

6. University Part-Time Jobs

Explore part-time vacancies at institutions like STADIO, Varsity College, or EduCare for roles like script

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marking or supervision.

7. Sell Educational Resources on Teacha!

Upload your self-made assessments, worksheets, or lessons on Teacha!-a South African platform that pays teachers for their work.

8. Sell on Other Online Marketplaces

Try platforms like Teachers Pay Teachers, Gumroad, or Payhip to reach a broader global audience.

9. Start a Blog or YouTube Channel

Share your teaching journey and monetize through ads, sponsorships, or digital product sales.

10. Weekend Work

Consider flexible weekend jobs or workshops that suit your interests and schedule.

Final Thoughts

As teachers, we are resilient and resourceful. Supplementing your income is not only possible-it's smart. Choose a side hustle that aligns with your strengths, schedule, and peace of mind. You deserve it.