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ESOL qualifications from SQA

Introducing National Qualifications in English for Speakers of Other Languages

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SQA's National Qualifications in ESOL are specially designed for candidates whose first language is not English. They assess the four skills of Speaking, Writing, Listening and Reading. The topics and tasks they cover are relevant to everyday work, to study, and to living in the community and social situations.

SQA's National Qualifications in ESOL offer:

- qualifications that are suited to candidates' individual abilities, whether they're complete beginners or at an advanced level
- preparation for mainstream study or employment
- progression to UK college and university courses
- development of the language skills and knowledge needed to participate fully in an English-speaking society
- a practical introduction to the Scottish education system and preparation for assessment in other subjects
- an introduction to various aspects of everyday life in the UK
- proof of English language skills for UK citizenship

ESOL and citizenship

The SQA ESOL qualifications at Access and Intermediate 1 level combine the development of language skills with information about life in the UK. Successful candidates on these programmes will have

met both the language and knowledge of life in the UK requirements for UK citizenship.

What help and support is available for centres wishing to offer SQA ESOL Courses?

We can provide start-up and development visits for schools, colleges and community organisations.

We also publish an extensive range of support materials, including citizenship materials, which are available from SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk). Some materials are stored on the secure website which is password protected. Please contact your SQA Co-ordinator for advice on access to these materials.

- Course Arrangement Documents for Higher and Intermediate 2
- Unit Specifications for Access 2, Access 3 and Intermediate 1
- National Assessment Bank assessment materials for all levels
- Course Assessment Pack for Higher and Intermediate 2
- Learning support materials and related e-learning materials for all levels
- Guidance for Assessment of Unit and Course Speaking at Higher and Intermediate 2, including examples of candidate work
- Guidance for Assessment of Unit and Course Writing at Higher and Intermediate 2 including examples of candidate work
- Audio assessment and learning support material for Listening at all levels
- Senior Verifier Reports

Success stories: how SQA ESOL has helped others



ESOL helps to get the best out of school

'I learned language skills which I could adapt to other subjects. In the Scottish system the Standard Grade English might not be the most suitable for those pupils who come to secondary school in S3 like me. The ESOL courses as an alternative can help you with other subjects.'

Tsvetomir Stefanov from Bulgaria, studied at Harris Academy, Dundee and is now at Dundee College studying HNC Travel and Tourism.



ESOL helps with everyday life

'It helped me to apply for British nationality. It will also help me to find a job because they know my English isn't too bad.'

Saima Imran from Pakistan is studying an ESOL Unit at Access 3 at Langside College, Glasgow to help her move into work.

More details – what’s involved?

The Access 2, Access 3, and Intermediate 1 Units are internally assessed and externally verified. There’s no exam, and no grading – candidates either pass or fail. The Units are:

Access 2, Access 3 and Intermediate 1

Access 2

Unit codes	Unit titles
F1AF 08	ESOL: An Introduction to Beginner English Literacies 1
F1AG 08	ESOL: An Introduction to Beginner English Literacies 2
DV34 08	ESOL: Everyday Communication
F1AD 08	ESOL: Transactional Contexts
F1AE 08	ESOL: Work and Study-related Contexts

Access 3 and Intermediate 1

Access 3 Unit codes	Intermediate 1 Unit codes	Unit titles
DV34 09	DV34 10	ESOL: Everyday Communication
F1AD 09	F1AD 10	ESOL: Transactional Contexts
F1AE 09	F1AE 10	ESOL: Work and Study-related Contexts

Candidates can be entered for the Course award in English for Speakers of Other Languages Access 3 (C222 09). There is no external assessment and candidates would also achieve the Course award on successful completion of the three Units. They can also be taken on a freestanding basis.

Intermediate 2 and Higher

The Intermediate 2 (C222 11) and Higher (C222 12) Courses consist of Units which are internally assessed and externally verified, and there’s also an exam in May/June.

The Intermediate 2 and Higher Courses are made up of one mandatory Unit, one of two optional Units, and an external assessment (an exam).

Intermediate 2 Unit codes	Higher Unit codes	Unit titles
DV34 11	DV34 12	ESOL: Everyday Communication
DV35 11	DV35 12	ESOL: Work-related Contexts
		or
DV36 11	DV36 12	ESOL: Study-related Contexts

The Units can be undertaken on a freestanding basis. Candidates will receive a Unit award for each Unit passed.

SQA ESOL gives centres and their learners more choices and opportunities

'ESOL offers great opportunities to our pupils.'

Mrs Ross, Acting PT for Raising Attainment, Saint Roch's Secondary, Glasgow

'The students managed well with the assessments as we were able to do lots of small assessments instead of one, very difficult exam.'

Robin Ashton, Langside College, Glasgow

'The students feel that the assessments offer them a challenge and something to aim towards at the end of the programme. As a result, motivation is high.'

Gillian Scott, The Workers' Educational Association, Inverness

If you would like more detailed information about any of the qualifications listed, or have a general enquiry, contact us on 0303 333 0330.

Details are also available on our website: www.sqa.org.uk/esol



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