

An introduction to ESOL



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ESOL qualifications from SQA



Introducing National Qualifications in English for Speakers of Other Languages

The qualifications are for candidates whose first language is not English and they assess the four skills of Speaking, Writing, Listening and Reading. The topics and tasks covered are relevant to learners and are related to everyday work, study, community and social situations.

The qualifications also offer people an introduction to various aspects of everyday life in the UK.

The framework offers:

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

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 which are available from the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk):

- Course Arrangements Documents for Higher and Intermediate 2
- Unit specifications for Intermediate 1 and Access
- National Assessment Bank assessment materials
- Course Assessment specifications
- Learning support materials
- Examples of candidate work for Writing
- Examples of candidate work for Speaking
- Audio assessment material on CD for Listening and Speaking
- Visiting moderation feedback

More details – what's involved?

Access and Intermediate 1

The Access 2, Access 3, and Intermediate 1 qualifications are internally assessed and externally moderated. There's no exam, and no grading – candidates either pass or fail.

The Units are:

Access 2

One double Unit: Beginners' English

Access 3

Three single Units: Personal and Social English
Transactional English
English for Work and Study

Intermediate 1

Three single Units: English Language Study
English Language Skills
English for Work and Study

Intermediate 2 and Higher

The Intermediate 2 and Higher qualifications are also internally assessed and externally moderated, and there's also an exam (available from June 2007).

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

Double Unit: English for Speakers of Other Languages: Everyday Communication

Single Units: English for Speakers of Other Languages: Work-related contexts
or
English for Speakers of Other Languages: Study-related contexts

The Units can be undertaken individually, in which case there's no exam, and candidates will receive a Unit award for each Unit passed.

If you would like more detailed information about any of the qualifications listed inside, or have a general enquiry, contact us on **0845 279 1000**.

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



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