

SQA ESOL Qualifications

National Certificates

National Certificates (NCs) are group awards that prepare learners for employment, career progression or more advanced study. There are two NCs in ESOL for Employability, at SCQF levels 4 and 5. Each NC contains units that are also available as freestanding units.

National Certificate	Group Award code	SCQF level
ESOL for Employability	GF70 45	5
Units	Unit code	SCQF level
ESOL: Speaking for Employability	H1XE 11	5
ESOL: Listening for Employability	H1XG 11	5
ESOL: Writing for Employability	H1XF 11	5
ESOL: Reading for Employability	H1XD 11	5
ESOL: Living in Scotland	H1XH 11	5

National Certificate	Group Award code	SCQF level
ESOL for Employability	GF70 44	4
Units	Unit code	SCQF level
ESOL: Speaking for Employability	H1XE 10	4
ESOL: Listening for Employability	H1XG 10	4
ESOL: Writing for Employability	H1XF 10	4
ESOL: Reading for Employability	H1XD 10	4
ESOL: Living in Scotland	H1XH 10	4

For more information, visit www.sqa.org.uk/ncesol

Professional Development Awards – TESOL

We also offer Professional Development Awards (PDAs) for ESOL practitioners in Scotland.

Professional Development Award	Group Award code	SCQF level
Introduction to tutoring ESOL	G91E 46	6
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	GA53 49	9
Applied Practitioner Studies in TESOL	GC3D 50	10

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SQA ESOL qualifications

SQA's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) qualifications enable learners whose first language is not English to develop their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in the English. These are essential skills for those who plan to live, study and work in the UK.

National Qualifications

Learners across Scotland can study National Courses and Units in ESOL.

UK NARIC – the UK's designated national agency for recognising and comparing international qualifications and skills – has confirmed that the following National Courses and units correspond with levels A1 to C1 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

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CEFR level	
Proficient user	C2
	C1
Independent user	B2
	B1
Basic user	A2
	A1

National Courses

CEFR level	Course	Course code	SCQF level
C1	Higher ESOL	C827 76	6
B2	National 5 ESOL	C827 75	5
B1	National 4 ESOL	C727 74	4
A2	National 3 ESOL	C727 73	3

National Units

All ESOL units are available on a free standing basis and range from SCQF Levels 2 to 6.

CEFR level	Unit	Unit code	SCQF level
B1	National 4 ESOL for Everyday Life*	H24H 74	4
B1	National 4 ESOL in Context (Work and Study)*	H24L 74	4
B1	National 4 ESOL Assignment (Added Value Unit)*	H24N 74	4
A2	National 3 ESOL for Everyday Life*	H24H 73	3
A2	National 3 ESOL in Context (Work and Study)*	H24L 73	3
A1	National 2 ESOL for Everyday Life: Listening and Speaking	H997 72	2
A1	National 2 ESOL for Everyday Life: Reading & Writing	H998 72	2
A1	National 2 ESOL in Context: Listening & Speaking	H999 72	2
A1	National 2 ESOL in Context: Reading & Writing	H99A 72	2

*These units are part of National 3 and National 4 ESOL courses.

National 2 ESOL literacies units

For learners who need to develop their English literacy skills, there are three pre-entry units available at National 2 level. Learners can do all three units or the units most appropriate to their needs.

Unit title	Unit code	SCQF level
ESOL: Preparation for Literacy	HA1R 72	2
ESOL: An Introduction to Beginner English Literacies 1	HW55 72	2
ESOL: An Introduction to Beginner English Literacies 2	HW56 72	2

SCQF level 5 and 6 units

The following units can provide a pathway for learners who are not yet ready to undertake a National 5 or Higher course.

Unit title	Unit code	SCQF level
ESOL for Everyday Life	J25C 76	6
ESOL in Work-related Contexts	J214 76	6
ESOL in Study-related Contexts	J215 76	6
ESOL for Everyday Life	J25B 75	5
ESOL in Context (Work and Study)	J25R 75	5

Speaking and listening units

The following units may be appropriate for learners who are progressing more slowly with their reading and writing skills but whose listening and speaking skills are more developed.

Unit title	Unit code	SCQF level
ESOL: Speaking and Listening	FD5N 12	6
ESOL: Speaking and Listening	FD5N 11	5
ESOL: Speaking and Listening	FD5N 10	4
ESOL: Speaking and Listening	FD5N 09	3
ESOL: Speaking and Listening	FD5N 08	2

Learning support materials and online resources

ESOL online learning materials can be used in the learning environment by practitioners or accessed independently by learners. These can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.sqaacademy.org.uk/esol-support>