

## **Qualifications**

### **CELTA/CELTYL**

The CELTA and CELTYL are useful qualifications for teachers who have little previous formal training for the development of teaching abilities and teaching skills.

You will be assessed throughout the course, with no final examination. An external assessor, appointed by Cambridge ESOL, moderates each course. There are two components of assessment:

- 1. Teaching practice**

You will teach for a total of six hours, working with classes at two levels of ability. Assessment is based on your overall performance at the end of the six hours.

- 2. Written assignments**

You will complete four written assignments: one focusing on adult learning; one on the language system of English; one on language skills; and one on classroom teaching.

To be awarded the certificate you must pass both components. There are three grades - Pass, Pass 'B' and Pass 'A'.

CELTA/CELTYL qualifications are accepted throughout the world by organisations which employ English Language teachers.

### **TEFL Certificate**

Similar to this, the minimum qualification to teach EFL in private language schools overseas and in some private language schools in the United States is a TEFL certificate. Usually, TEFL certificate courses in the United States and Canada are highly intensive, running full time over the course of 2-6 weeks. These courses focus on practical training and also teach different language methodologies. Because of the scope of information that must be covered, a 4- to 6-week intensive course is likely to be more valuable than a shorter version. Most respected TEFL courses offer 100+ classroom hrs and have a practical training component. Many institutions are accredited by varying state organizations, and many of these TEFL courses are excellent. Teacher trainers may vary greatly in qualifications. Look for a program with qualified trainers, such as teachers who have a master's degree in ELT and extensive overseas experience.

### **SIT TESOL Certificate**

The School for International training TESOL certificate course is a 130-hour course that includes workshops, lesson planning and practice teaching. The course covers the basics of classroom practice starting with a look at learning and how learners needs inform teaching. Designed by faculty at SIT the course emphasizes experiential learning, reflective practice and learning in community. The course moves through a series of modules that cover how to teach reading, writing, listening, speaking, pronunciation, grammar and clutter at the beginning and intermediate levels. The course is available at a variety of US and overseas locations and is taught by SIT-trained trainers with extensive EFL classroom experience. A

CELTA co-validated version of the course leading to dual certificates is currently available in Boston.

### **Trinity Certificate in TESOL**

Like the CELTA program, Trinity courses are available around the world, and each adheres to a standard syllabus. The certificate is run by Trinity College in London, and offers intensive courses. Program options vary and may include a distance module and also a specialized course in teaching young learners, called CertTeryl.

### **DELTA**

If you have substantial experience of teaching English to speakers of other languages, and are ready to progress your career, you need the DELTA – Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults. This internationally recognised qualification helps you to:

- deepen your understanding of the principles and practice of teaching the English language to adults
- examine your current practices and beliefs
- apply the results of your learning and reflection to your current teaching position and more senior roles.

As with the CELTA program, the Trinity LTCL Diploma TESOL is also available at this level: [www.trinitycollege.co.uk](http://www.trinitycollege.co.uk)

### **Short Courses**

Bell – Teacher development in England – 15 short courses, language development, methodology & specialist – [www.bell-centres.com](http://www.bell-centres.com)

Embassy CES – International Teacher Training Institute – short courses for Teachers [www.embassyces.com](http://www.embassyces.com)

The University of Edinburgh – Short Courses for Teachers – [www.ials.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ials.ed.ac.uk)

University College London: Department of Phonetics & Linguistics – summer Course in English Phonetics – <http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/scep>

Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE) – [www.nile-elt.com](http://www.nile-elt.com)

### **Masters**

A master's degree is required for teaching in higher education and community colleges. The degree may go by different names, for example, master of education (MEd) in TESOL, master of arts (MA) or science (MS) in applied linguistics, MA in English with an emphasis in TESOL, MA in teaching (MAT) in ESL. Any of these programs will prepare those enrolled to teach ESL/EFL as well as offer training in curriculum development, teacher training, administration, and materials writing. Master's degrees usually require thesis with some supervised teaching practice. Degree programs are offered in distance learning format and well suited for those who are already in the field or teaching English abroad and want to pursue a degree while continuing to teach. Information on distant learning courses can be found at <http://www.teaching-english-in-japan.net/directory/cat/17>

**Aston University** - MSc TESOL/TESP/TEYL/EMT - <http://www.les.aston.ac.uk/>  
**The University of Birmingham** Postgraduate Programmes – In house and Distance  
[www.CELS.bham.ac.uk](http://www.CELS.bham.ac.uk)  
**The University of Edinburgh** – MSc in Language Teaching – [www.ials.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ials.ed.ac.uk)  
**The University of Exeter** – Postgraduate studies in TESOL – [www.ex.ac.uk/sell](http://www.ex.ac.uk/sell)  
**The University of Leeds** – Professional development at the School of education –  
[www.education.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.education.leeds.ac.uk)  
**The Nottingham Trent University** – Diploma & MA – <http://nlc.ntu.ac.uk>  
**Oxford Brookes University** – Diploma & MA (distance) - [www.brookes.ac.uk](http://www.brookes.ac.uk)  
**Sheffield Hallam University** – New Postgraduate Diploma & MA by Distance Learning –  
[www.shu.ac.uk/tesol](http://www.shu.ac.uk/tesol)  
**The University of St. Andrews** – M.Litt in ELT & Modern Languages –  
[www.st-Andrews.ac.uk/elt/](http://www.st-Andrews.ac.uk/elt/)  
**The University of Warwick** – Post-graduate degrees – [www.warwick.ac.uk/celte](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/celte)  
**The University of York** – MA in Teaching English to Young Learners (by distance) –  
[www.york.ac.uk/inst/lte/efl/courses/ma/mateyl.htm](http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/lte/efl/courses/ma/mateyl.htm)

## Jobs

ELT News (Japan) - <http://www.eltnews.com/jobs/index.shtml>  
British Council Vacancies – [www.britishcouncil.org/vacancies](http://www.britishcouncil.org/vacancies)

International House Recruitment Services – [www.ihworld.com/recruitment/index.asp](http://www.ihworld.com/recruitment/index.asp)  
Peace corps – [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov)  
The Times educational Supplement – [www.tesjobs.co.uk/homepage.asp](http://www.tesjobs.co.uk/homepage.asp)  
VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) – <http://www.vso.org.uk/volunteering/index.asp>

## Career Advice

Starting a career in TESOL (tesol.org) – [http://www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/index.asp](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/index.asp)  
Teaching English Abroad – <http://www.cal.org/topics/>  
Best Bets for Teaching Abroad – [www.uci.edu/~cie/iop/teaching.html](http://www.uci.edu/~cie/iop/teaching.html)  
Career Centre – [www.onestopenglish.com/jobs/](http://www.onestopenglish.com/jobs/)  
Support for Learning <http://www.support4learning.org.uk/jobsearch/>  
200 FEE Cover Letters for Job Hunters – [www.careerlab.com/letters/](http://www.careerlab.com/letters/)  
Chronicle of Higher Education – Job Openings – [www.chronicle.com/jobs/](http://www.chronicle.com/jobs/)  
ESL Magazine – News, practical advice and reviews for teachers of ESL and American English [www.ESLmag.com](http://www.ESLmag.com)

## ELT specific Jobs

Teaching Jobs Overseas - <http://www.escapeartist.com/jobs34/jobs34.htm>  
Dave's ESL Café: Job Centre – [www.eslcafe.com/jobs/](http://www.eslcafe.com/jobs/)  
EFL Teaching Jobs.com – [www.eflteachingjobs.com](http://www.eflteachingjobs.com)  
English Job Maze – [www.englishjobmaze.com](http://www.englishjobmaze.com)

## Resource Sites

British Council: Teaching English Website - <http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk>  
Education Guardian - <http://education.guardian.co.uk/>  
ELT News – the website for teachers in Japan - <http://www.eltnews.com/home.shtml>  
One Stop English - <http://www.onestopenglish.com/>  
Modern English Teacher - <http://www.onlinemet.com/>  
TEFL. Net - <http://www.tefl.net/>  
Dave's ESL Café – [www.eslcafe.com](http://www.eslcafe.com)

## Publishers

Cambridge University Press - <http://uk.cambridge.org/>  
Macmillan - <http://www.macmillaneducation.com/catalogue/readers/readindex.htm>  
Oxford University Press - <http://www.oupjapan.co.jp/index.html>  
Longman Publishing - <http://www.longman.co.uk/>

## Organisations

IATEFL - <http://www.iatefl.org/>  
Japan Association of English Teachers - <http://jalt.org/>  
English Teachers in Japan - <http://www.eltnews.com/ETJ/>

## Ministries of Education, etc.

UK Training and Development Agency for Schools <http://www.tda.gov.uk/>  
New Zealand Ministry of Education <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/>  
US Department of Education <http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>  
Council of Ministers of Education (Canada) <http://www.cmec.ca/educmin.en.stm>