

Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life - Basic Skills (No. 3692)

ESOL Skills for Life is the main publicly funded ESOL qualification for settled learners in the UK. It covers the full range of language skills and contexts set out in the Adult ESOL core curriculum, focusing on giving people in settled communities the overall language they need for social and economic inclusion.

When delivered using the [NIACE/LLU+Citizenship](#) learning materials, ESOL Skills for Life can help applicants for British Citizenship or Indefinite Leave to Remain to meet the language and UK knowledge requirements.

Qualification structure

The qualification is available from entry 1 through to level 2, and at each level learners can either complete a full-mode qualification (Reading, Writing, and Speaking and Listening) or a stand-alone Speaking and Listening qualification.

All of the entry level assignments are available in two alternative formats:

- **Integrated** - all modes are covered by one holistic assignment
- **Single-mode** - each mode has a separate, self-contained, assignment. This allows candidates greater flexibility and enables them to gain a spiky profile.

How is the qualification delivered and assessed?

At levels 1 and 2, Reading is assessed by the adult literacy national test. For information and practice tests go to our [National Tests Resource Centre](#), with Speaking and Listening and Writing assessed by supervised portfolio work. This enables candidates to draw on real life experiences or cover any topic that engages their interest.

Centre approval

In order to offer this qualification, organisations which are not already City & Guilds centres must apply for [centre and qualification approval](#). Existing City & Guilds centres will only need to apply for [qualification approval](#).

Progression

The entry level 3692 qualification provides a base for progression on to levels 1 and 2 of the ESOL or of Adult Literacy and the Key Skill in communication. If learners are looking for a shorter ESOL qualification more focused on the world of work [ESOL for Work \(3694\)](#) could be the answer.