

About International ESOL Diploma

The International ESOL Diploma (9992) is a **combination** of City & Guilds International ESOL (8984) and

International Spoken ESOL (8985). The qualification assesses **all four language skills**: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

The diploma can be taken at six levels and was developed from the Common European Framework (CEF).

Assessment is covered by taking **two papers**:

- **International Spoken ESOL** (8985) which assesses real speaking ability through a one to one structured interview
- **International ESOL** (8984) – a single exam paper which covers listening, reading and writing.

The testing is **on demand**, so a candidate and centre can choose their own dates.

Levels and recognition

There are **six levels** linked to the Common European Framework (CEF). The upper levels, Expert and Mastery, are recognised by many English speaking universities as evidence of language proficiency for entry purposes. Have a look at [who recognises our International ESOL and SESOL Qualifications](#). You can also [browse our recognitions search page](#) for information about other qualifications.

The Diploma is also **approved by the UK's Border Agency** as evidence of English proficiency for skilled and highly skilled migrants wishing to work or live in the UK. To find out more please visit the [dedicated section](#) on the Home Office website.

How do the City & Guilds exams compare to other English language qualifications?

The table below shows the levels that are **broadly equivalent**

City & Guilds IESOL & ISESOL	City & Guilds SETB	Common European Framework	Cambridge main suite	Cambridge IELTS
Mastery	Stage C	C2	CPE	+7.5
Expert		C1	CAE	6.5/7.0
Communicator	Stage B	B2	FCE	5.0/5.5/6.0
Achiever		B1	PET	3.5/4.0/4.5
Access	Stage A	A2	KET	3.0
Preliminary		A1		