

What ESOL International qualifications does VTCT offer?

There are six qualifications within VTCT (ITEC) ESOL International suite of qualifications offering learners a vertical progression route. From A1 for novices up to C2 for those who have mastered the language. VTCT (ITEC) Entry Level Certificate in ESOL International (Entry 3) (B1) is the mid-level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). The qualifications assess the learners' competency in speaking, listening, reading, writing and use of English.

Are VTCT's ESOL International qualifications regulated and recognised?

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) International qualifications are perfect for those looking to prove their English proficiency. These high-quality qualifications are globally recognised, providing you with the documentation you need for entry into higher education or professional employment in the UK and beyond.

Our qualifications are acknowledged both in the UK, by Ofqual and internationally, and they align with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). You can learn more about the CEFR <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages>

Who are these qualifications designed for?

VTCT (ITEC) ESOL International qualifications are perfect for learners who

- Are not native speakers of English and wish to achieve a high quality internationally recognised qualification in English language that is available and recognised worldwide
- Wish to study a new language
- Need English language for everyday or work
- Require an externally recognised certificate

What age ranges are the qualifications available for?

We are here to help learners of all ages reach their English language goals and potential. Whether you are just starting out as a young learner or are an adult looking to brush up on your skills

What staff must my business have and what qualifications and experience must they hold?

Typically, centre wishing to offer ESOL International qualifications should have experience in teaching English preferably with a degree, CELTA, DELTA or TEFL qualification.

Are there set examination windows?

No, VTCT ESOL International qualification examinations are on demand and have multiple flexible windows. Examinations can be conducted at times that are suitable to Centres and learners; there are no assessment windows. This learner centred examination approach bolsters confidence in learning and assessment and supports all learners to fulfil their potential confidence.

Do learners need prior knowledge, skills, or experience to complete these qualifications?

There are no formal entry requirements for learners undertaking the qualifications.

Do learners have to complete all modes to gain the qualification?

Our assessments enable learners to be assessed in four core language skills; listening, speaking, reading, and writing – we call this ‘All Modes’ because we assess all these skills to determine the overall outcome and grade and be eligible for certification.

How are learners assessed?

VTCT (ITEC) ESOL International qualifications, learners are evaluated in several ways. Here is how it works; listening, reading, and writing modes of assessment are assessed by either a paper based or online examination which is externally set, and quality assured by VTCT (ITEC). The speaking mode of the qualification is assessed separately by dedicated in-house speech assessors and further quality assured by VTCT. Each speaking assessment is conducted one-on-one, ensuring a supportive experience that truly centres around learners’

Mode of Assessment (Paper-based or online)	Assessment Method	Examination Conditions	Speaking Assessment – Controlled
Listening	Written Examination	✓	
Reading		✓	
Writing		✓	
Speaking	Practical Oral Examination (Face to Face)		✓

Does the Home Office recognise ESOL International Qualifications?

If you intend to use an English language test in your immigration or nationality application, you must take a Secure English Language Test (SELT) in a SELT centre.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt>

Can I teach ESOL International qualifications remotely?

VTCT do not stipulate the teaching methodology. Centre are encouraged to decide on the best methods for the needs of the learners.

What resources do VTCT have to support the delivery of ESOL International qualifications?

The qualification specifications and sample assessment material are available of VTCT website by following <https://www.vtct.org.uk/find-a-qualification/esol/>

How do I receive my learners results and certificates?

VTCT will take the administrative burden and will process result and certificates for the approved centres. These will be sent directly to the approved centre for distribution to the learners.

Can learners who fail retake the exams?

Learners who fail to achieve the required Pass mark are permitted to re-sit after having sufficient teaching and additional study time. There is no limit to the number of retakes a learner can attempt.

Can I apply for reasonable adjustments and special considerations for learners?

A reasonable adjustment is an adjustment made to an assessment for a qualification that is approved or set in place before an assessment activity takes place; it constitutes an arrangement to give the learner access to the qualification. Information on the reasonable adjustments and special considerations allowed for the external theory examination within this qualification can be found on the VTCT website (www.vtct.org.uk).