

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 1) - 610/4262/6

Overview

The Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life has been developed for learners from age pre-16 to adults living in the UK but for whom English is a second or additional language. Suitable for a range of learners including settled minority communities and refugees/asylum seekers, they are designed to provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to communicate effectively in everyday life.

These qualifications are mapped to the Adult ESOL Core Curriculum, the National Standards for Adult Literacy and the Essential Digital Skills Framework.

Objectives

- **Basic Communication:** Helps learners develop foundational reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- **Integration:** Aims to assist learners in integrating into English-speaking environments, including accessing public services and engaging in social situations.

Who is this qualification for?

- **Non-native English speakers:** Individuals who are beginners in learning English.
- **Residents in English-speaking countries:** Particularly aimed at those living in the UK who need to develop basic literacy skills to function effectively in society.

What does the qualification cover?

The SEG Awards Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 1) is comprised of three units which are all standalone awards in their own right:

Skills for Life in Reading – This unit covers essential skills to help learners develop their reading abilities in English. Learners are taught to read simple sentences and phrases, recognising and understanding common words and phrases, and reading straightforward sentences. They learn to understand basic texts by identifying main points and details in short passages and following simple written instructions. The unit enables learners to recognise high-frequency words and familiar vocabulary, as well as use phonics to decode basic words. Furthermore, learners are introduced to understanding common text types, such as reading labels, notices, short messages, and personal information forms, which are crucial for navigating everyday situations.

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Skills for Life in Writing – This unit aims to develop learners’ ability to write short, simple texts that are practical and relevant to daily life, such as filling out forms, writing personal information, and composing basic sentences. It introduces learners to essential vocabulary and basic grammatical structures, enabling them to construct coherent and accurate sentences. Additionally, the unit focuses on practical writing tasks, such as writing messages, notes, and short descriptions, ensuring learners can effectively communicate personal information and simple ideas.

Skills for Life in Speaking and Listening – The unit focuses on developing fundamental listening and speaking abilities crucial for effective communication in English. Listening skills involve understanding and following basic instructions for everyday tasks, comprehending short, simple messages delivered in person or over the phone, and responding appropriately to straightforward questions and statements. For speaking, learners are encouraged to express their basic needs, preferences, and requests, while also engaging in short, informal conversations on familiar topics like personal information, family, and daily routines. Emphasis is placed on clear and understandable pronunciation, prioritising communication effectiveness over perfection.

Assessment

- **Reading:** Assessed through reading comprehension tests involving simple texts.
- **Writing:** Learners are required to complete written tasks that test their ability to write accurately and coherently.
- **Speaking and Listening:** Assessed through practical exams, where learners demonstrate their ability to understand and participate in spoken communication.

What could this qualification lead to?

After completing Entry 1, learners can move on to ESOL Skills for Life Entry 2, where they will build on their foundational skills and continue to improve their language proficiency.

Further Information

Further information on this qualification can be found on the Skills and Education Group Awards website [Skills and Education Group Awards](#).

Individual Awards

Entry 1 ESOL Skills for Life in Reading - 610/4257/2

Entry 1 ESOL Skills for Life in Writing - 610/4260/2

Entry 1 ESOL Skills for Life in Speaking and Listening - 610/4261/4