

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 2) - 610/4273/0

Overview

The Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 2) 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 2) is comprised of three units which are all standalone awards in their own right:

Skills for Life in Reading – This unit aims to develop basic reading skills by enabling learners to understand simple texts, recognise familiar words and phrases, and decode simple sentences. It enhances comprehension through answering questions about straightforward texts, identifying main ideas and details, and following simple instructions. Additionally, it focuses on increasing vocabulary by teaching common words and phrases, understanding basic grammar and sentence structures, and recognising everyday vocabulary in context.

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Skills for Life in Writing – This unit aims to develop basic writing skills by teaching learners to write simple sentences and short texts, use basic punctuation and capitalisation, and spell common words correctly. It improves sentence structure by helping learners construct grammatically correct sentences, use various sentence types (statements, questions, commands), and link sentences to form coherent paragraphs. Additionally, it increases vocabulary and grammar proficiency by encouraging the use of common vocabulary, applying basic grammar rules (such as subject-verb agreement and verb tenses), and using appropriate word order in sentences.

Skills for Life in Speaking and Listening – This unit aims to develop basic speaking skills by enabling learners to engage in simple conversations on familiar topics, express needs, preferences, and opinions, and ask and answer questions appropriately. It improves listening skills by helping learners understand straightforward spoken information, follow simple instructions and directions, and identify key information in short conversations and announcements. Additionally, it enhances pronunciation and fluency by practicing clear pronunciation of common words and phrases, speaking with appropriate intonation and stress, and developing conversational fluency through practice.

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 2, learners can move on to ESOL Skills for Life Entry 3, 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 2 ESOL Skills for Life in Reading - 610/4270/5

Entry 2 ESOL Skills for Life in Writing - 610/4271/7

Entry 2 ESOL Skills for Life in Speaking and Listening - 610/4272/9