

ESOL Skills for Life qualifications

Trinity College London's ESOL Skills for Life qualifications are for people aged 16 and over who live in the UK and need English for everyday life and for work. Designed to help progression into mainstream education and employment, they are external assessments of the English language skills that people need in real-life situations.

All UK ESOL Skills for Life qualifications have moved from the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) to the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). Accredited by Ofqual, each of these updated Trinity Awards and Certificates is an individual qualification in its own right. With each unit award carrying transferable credits, there is increased flexibility to build qualifications in accessible stages over time.

Awards and Certificates

Trinity's ESOL Skills for Life qualifications are available at five levels from beginner to advanced:

- ▶ Entry 1 | Entry 2 | Entry 3 | Level 1 | Level 2

Individual Awards

- ▶ Speaking and Listening (12 credits)
- ▶ Reading (6 credits)
- ▶ Writing (9 credits)

Overarching Certificates

When every unit has been passed at the same level:

- ▶ ESOL Skills for Life (27 credits)
(speaking, listening, reading and writing)

Transfer of credits

Reciprocal arrangements are in place so that unit credits at the same level from other awarding organisations count towards an overarching ESOL Skills for Life qualification. See our exam specifications for details.

Available on demand

Once you are registered with us, all our ESOL Skills for Life exams are available on demand, subject to a minimum of four weeks' notice. These can be held at your choice of venue – a school, college or place of work.

Professional support

Trinity offers professional support to administrators and teachers preparing candidates for our exams – including resources, guidance, workshops and seminars. We also offer visits to new centres to help get them started with Trinity exams.

Why Trinity?

- ▶ **100% external assessment:**
Allows teachers to focus on teaching and preparation
- ▶ **Flexible and on demand:**
All assessments are now available on demand
- ▶ **Competitively priced:**
Improved booking options offer value for money
- ▶ **Inclusive and understanding:**
Professional and friendly examiners put candidates at ease
- ▶ **High quality:**
Reliable results from a reputable exam board
- ▶ **Supportive:**
Clear guidance and resources plus personal contact

Trinity College London is a world leader in assessing English language proficiency. Trinity exams are contemporary and learner-centred, focusing on practical and communicative English language skills.

In 2012 Trinity's Skills for Life, Graded Examinations in Spoken English and Integrated Skills in English exams were awarded the Association of Language Testers in Europe's Q-mark, showing they meet the highest level of quality standards.

Assessment summary

Level	Qualification title	Ofqual number	Assessment details
Entry 1	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 1)	601/5207/2	Conversation – 5 mins (2 tasks) Group discussion – 5 mins (1 task)
	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading) (Entry 1)	601/5210/2	24 items – 45 mins (3 tasks)
	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Writing) (Entry 1)	601/5214/X	30 minutes (3 tasks)
	Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 1)	601/4785/4	3 awards at the same level
Entry 2	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 2)	601/5208/4	Conversation – 8 mins (3 tasks) Group discussion – 7 mins (1 task)
	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading) (Entry 2)	601/5211/4	24 items – 60 mins (3 tasks)
	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Writing) (Entry 2)	601/5215/1	50 mins (3 tasks)
	Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 2)	601/5204/7	3 awards at the same level
Entry 3	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 3)	601/5209/6	Conversation – 8 mins (3 tasks) Group discussion – 8 mins (1 task)
	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading) (Entry 3)	601/5212/6	27 items – 60 mins (3 tasks)
	Entry Level Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Writing) (Entry 3)	601/5216/3	70 mins (3 tasks)
	Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 3)	601/5205/9	3 awards at the same level
Level 1	Level 1 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening)	601/5219/9	Conversation – 10 mins (3 tasks) Group discussion – 10 mins (1 task)
	Level 1 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading)	601/5218/7	30 items – 60 mins (3 tasks)
	Level 1 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Writing)	601/5217/5	110 minutes (4 tasks)
	Level 1 Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life	601/4786/6	3 awards at the same level
Level 2	Level 2 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening)	601/5220/5	Conversation – 14 mins (3 tasks) Group discussion – 15 mins (1 task)
	Level 2 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading)	601/5221/7	30 items – 60 mins (3 tasks)
	Level 2 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Writing)	601/5222/9	110 mins (4 tasks)
	Level 2 Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life	601/5206/0	3 awards at the same level

Unit award credit values: Speaking and Listening – 12, Reading – 6, Writing – 9, Overarching certificate – 27

More information

ESOL Skills for Life qualifications are available in the UK only. For information about fees and becoming a Trinity Registered Exam Centre, please visit www.trinitycollege.com/SfL or email UKesol@trinitycollege.co.uk

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