

## Maths & English Qualification Factsheet

# ESOL Skills for Life - 4692



### Qualification aim

ESOL Skills for Life is for anyone based in the UK for whom English is a second or additional language.

These qualifications focus on the language used in everyday situations, helping learners into work or function more effectively in an English-speaking environment.



### Qualification levels and definition

Available at five levels: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, Level 1 and Level 2.

Based on the National Standards for Adult Literacy, and aligned to the Adult ESOL Core Curriculum.

Each linguistic mode (Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening) is a qualification in its own right, although they can also be combined into a 'full mode' qualification.



### Progress routes

Learners can progress through the suite of qualifications, as well as progressing to other qualifications in English (e.g.

Functional Skills or GCSE), or other City & Guilds qualifications (e.g. vocational or to support employability).

Acquiring the English language skills to communicate effectively may also help learners to seek employment.

## Features and benefits

### Key features

**Structure:** Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening are each available as single-unit, Award-sized qualifications.

Full Mode, Certificate-sized qualifications (comprising all three, are also available).

**Assessment:** Entry Levels, plus Writing at Levels 1&2 and Speaking and Listening at Levels 1&2: set assignments - centre assessed with external quality assurance.

**Reading Levels 1&2:** external test - available on demand, onscreen or on paper

**Support:** Range of sample assessments available across all levels.

City & Guilds' SmartScreen Maths & English package provides a range of digital tutor and learner resources to support all types of English Learning.

### Key benefits

Learners can focus on the particular linguistic mode(s) where they need support, each mode can be completed and recognised at an appropriate level.

Appropriate for a more substantial, full-time programme, especially as learners can achieve each mode incrementally.

Puts the centre in complete control, candidates assessed as soon as they are ready, with a choice of assessment titles. Flexible and supportive quality assurance model.

External test available as soon as learner is ready, with a choice between onscreen or paper. Tests are written specifically for ESOL learners (rather than imported from another qualification).

Helps tutors/assessors familiarise with the format and content of the assessments, for standardisation as well as to help learners to prepare

## Reasons to choose City & Guilds

### Widest choice of qualifications

We're the largest vocational awarding organisation, and the largest provider of non-GCSE English and maths qualifications. Our ESOL Skills for life suite can support further learning or progression into almost any career path.

### Flexible approach to assessment

All of our ESOL Skills for Life assessments are available to take as soon as the learner is ready. Most assessment is managed locally, and is available on demand.

### Recognised by employers

With 99% of employers recognising our name, a City & Guilds ESOL qualification has particular resonance with employers and the world of work.

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