

Press Information

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Achieve – ESOL for Work

The new Cambridge ESOL for Work qualifications are being launched in November. We are pleased to announce that the qualifications have been accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and for eligible learners will attract Learning and Skills Council funding.

In order to ensure relevance and reliability, Cambridge ESOL has based its ESOL for Work provision on a well established, work-related ESOL assessment which has already had thousands of successful candidates and hundreds of satisfied providers around the world.

The new qualifications have been developed to meet the needs of employers in the UK, supporting migrant and settled workers who are in work or intending to work in England, Wales or Northern Ireland.

The assessments measure candidates' language proficiency in terms of the English they need to use and understand in the workplace. Topics and tasks are work-focussed and are relevant and recognisable to candidates as relating to the ways in which they need to use or respond to language in their working lives in the UK.

The Cambridge ESOL for Work qualification has been designed to be as flexible as possible, fitting around our centres needs and timetables and allowing them maximum control.

Cambridge ESOL will however, continue to provide comprehensive training and support to all its teachers.

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Notes to Editors:**About Cambridge ESOL**

University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group, a not-for-profit organisation and a department of the University of Cambridge. It is part of the Cambridge Assessment group, which is Europe's largest assessment agency. We provide examinations in English language for over 2 million people every year, in more than 130 countries, as well as a range of qualifications for language teachers.

Our examinations are developed on the basis of a long-term process of academic and practical research, to ensure that they are accurate, fair, reliable and relevant, and that they encourage learners to develop the skills they need to use English effectively in the real world.

University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations is a founder member of the Association of Language Testers in Europe and works closely with testing organisations, schools and academics throughout the world to support the development of language testing in theory and practice

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