



# Press Information

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## Taiwan Ministry of Education Recognises Cambridge ESOL Certificates

**Recognition provides language learners with more opportunities to demonstrate their English language ability.**

Students in Taiwan who want to prove their English language proficiency will now have a wider choice of international examinations, following a government scheme to improve and standardise English language examinations used in technical and vocational colleges.

The Ministry of Education in Taiwan has now officially recognised qualifications from University of Cambridge ESOL, covering business and general English. Examinations recognised by the ministry include world-famous qualifications such as BULATS (the Business Language Testing System), Business English Certificates and IELTS (International English Language Testing System).

In order to improve the quality of English language examinations, the Ministry of Education undertook an evaluation aimed at standardising the language certificates used by technical and vocational colleges in Taiwan. After a rigorous six-month process by the evaluation committee, Cambridge ESOL's certificates have been validated for use and accepted by the ministry as proof of English proficiency.

Su-Wei Wang, Cambridge ESOL's Marketing Manager in Taiwan Said: "International qualifications can be a valuable tool for students who want to show an employer how their English language skills measure up to global standards. Cambridge ESOL exams are designed to ensure candidates can use English effectively in real-life situations. That is why we insist on a face-to-face speaking test. We are delighted that the Ministry of Education have recognised the value of Cambridge ESOL exams".

This is the latest development in official recognition for Cambridge ESOL examinations. In 2005, the Central Personnel Administration of Taiwan (CPA) accepted Cambridge ESOL examinations as proof of language proficiency tests for government departments.

For more information, please visit [www.cambridgeesol.tw](http://www.cambridgeesol.tw)

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

#### **Cambridge ESOL In Taiwan**

Cambridge ESOL examinations are available throughout Taiwan. BULATS is available via the LTTC 12 times a year. IELTS tests are developed by Cambridge ESOL and delivered by IDP IELTS: Australia and British Council.

The Business Language Testing Service (BULATS) is now one of the most widely recognized tests for the workplace in Taiwan. It is used extensively by the civil service.

The Cambridge Young Learners English Tests are the only tests for young learners in Taiwan which are linked to an international framework. It has been taken by tens of thousands of children in Taiwan.

The Key English Test (KET), Preliminary English Test (PET) and First Certificate in English (FCE) examinations have also been adopted by the Beijing municipal government to help support the efforts in raising the English-language standards in the run-up to the Olympic Games.

#### **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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