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**Cambridge English**  
*Teaching Qualifications*

# CELTA

Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages



Teaching English to speakers of other languages can be a highly rewarding career, offering you the chance to live and work in different countries. You will need an internationally recognised teaching qualification. The Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA) is highly regarded throughout the world.

## What is CELTA?

*CELTA* is an initial qualification for people with little or no previous teaching experience and opens up a whole world of exciting teaching opportunities. Because it is awarded by Cambridge ESOL, part of the world-famous University of Cambridge, you can rely on its quality and recognition.

More than 12,000 people successfully complete a *CELTA* course each year.

*"The CELTA course gave me the tools and framework to confidently stand in front of a class and teach."*

Ben Sang, *CELTA* graduate, Auckland, New Zealand

# Who is CELTA for?

## People starting a career in English language teaching

You may be considering a career in English language teaching and view *CELTA* as an entry into a good teaching position in another country. Alternatively, you may be a graduate wanting a qualification which provides a sound basis in the fundamentals of language teaching practice. *CELTA* has given many candidates the confidence to take control in the classroom.

## People looking for a career change or career break

Increasingly, *CELTA* candidates are professionals either looking for a new career opportunity or wanting a short break in their existing career. Many seek the exciting opportunities of living and working outside their own countries. Whether you wish to teach English for the short- or long-term, *CELTA* gives you the training you need to help you adjust to a dynamic and challenging new profession.

## People teaching English without formal qualifications

*CELTA* can also be a useful qualification for teachers who have little previous formal training. *CELTA* sharpens your teaching practice, confirms your ability, and may even lead to internal promotion or a better teaching position.

## People who want to work in Further, Adult and Community Education in England and Wales

*CELTA* is also the first phase of the level 5 *Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector*. This qualification is required by teachers who wish to work in this sector in England and Wales.



# What does CELTA involve?

You can take *CELTA* full-time (typically four to five weeks) or part-time (from a few months to over a year). Your chosen course:

- teaches you the principles of effective teaching
- provides a range of practical skills for teaching English to adult learners
- gives you hands-on teaching practice.

## There are five main topics:

- learners and teachers, and the teaching and learning context
- language analysis and awareness
- language skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing
- planning and resources for different contexts
- developing teaching skills and professionalism.

You will be assessed throughout the course, with no final examination. An external assessor, appointed by Cambridge ESOL, moderates each course.

There are two components of assessment:

## Teaching Practice

You will teach for a total of six hours, working with classes at two levels of ability. Assessment is based on your overall performance at the end of the six hours.

## Written Assignments

You will complete four written assignments: one focusing on adult learning; one on the language system of English; one on language skills; and one on classroom teaching.

To be awarded the Certificate, you must pass both components. There are three passing grades – Pass, Pass 'B' and Pass 'A'.

### *Cambridge CELTA Course Online*

A flexible way to take *CELTA*, combining online study with face-to-face teaching practice.

**[www.CambridgeESOL.org/exams/celta-online](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/exams/celta-online)**

# How does CELTA relate to TEFL/TESOL?

'TEFL' or 'TESOL' are terms often used to describe qualifications for English language teachers. *CELTA*, the most widely taken initial TESOL/TEFL qualification of its kind in the world, was previously known as CTEFLA and the 'RSA Certificate'.

## Who recognises CELTA?

*CELTA* is accepted throughout the world by organisations which employ English language teachers. The Cambridge *CELTA* is accredited by Ofqual\* at level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework. Cambridge ESOL also works with international ELT organisations to ensure the acceptance of *CELTA* globally.

\* the regulator of qualifications, examinations and assessments in England

## Am I eligible to apply?

Ideally you should:

- have a standard of education equivalent to that required for entry into higher education
- be aged 20 or over
- have a standard of English which will enable you to teach at a range of levels.

Centres may still accept you if you do not have formal qualifications at this level but can demonstrate that you would be likely to complete the course successfully. Some centres may, at their discretion, accept applicants aged between 18 and 20.



# How do I apply?

*CELTA* courses are designed by individual centres, based on specifications produced by Cambridge ESOL. They are available at over 250 approved centres in 48 countries, providing over 900 *CELTA* courses every year.

Contact your chosen centre directly for detailed course information. For a full list of approved *CELTA* centres, visit

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres/teach](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres/teach)

## Find out more

You can find further information on *CELTA* here:

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach/teachingqualifications](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach/teachingqualifications)

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