



Quick links

All about the learner route

This document is about the ESOL for Work Learner Route. You can print it out to refer to as you work on the route. Work along the route in a way that suits you. You can stop and then return to the route whenever you wish. However, if you start an assessment or practice test and do not complete it, you cannot return to where you left off: you will have to start the test again.

The Learner Route gives you the chance to practise the skills in English that you need for work. It will also help you to prepare for an ESOL for Work qualification.

Working your way along the route will help you gain confidence in the skills you need to take the ESOL for Work qualification. You will be able to:

- brush up your language skills
- test your language skills
- take a practice test similar to an ESOL for Work reading test
- complete extension activities
- prepare yourself for test situations
- find your nearest provider.

Questions and answers

What are ESOL for Work qualifications?

ESOL for Work qualifications are qualifications for people who have English as a second language. The qualifications focus on the needs of both employers and learners to help people communicate effectively at work.

Do I have to be registered on a course to prepare and practise for a qualification?

No. You can work through the Learner Route without being registered on another course. However, you will need to find a provider take the qualification. Look at the *Guide to next steps* in the quick links to find out how to do this.

How do I know if I am ready to get a qualification?

If you get at least 14 out of 20 on the final test and you feel confident that you have enough skills to take a qualification, you are probably nearly ready. For information about what to do next, look at the *Guide to next steps* in the quick links.

How can I improve my confidence for taking a test?

Look at *Pointers to test success* in the quick links.

Are the ESOL for Work qualifications different from Skills for Life ESOL qualifications?

Yes. The new qualifications are based on the same ESOL curriculum as the Skills for Life qualifications, but they cover less and focus more on work. They include the four language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing, but there is more emphasis on speaking, listening and reading. Writing is assessed at one level below the other skills. The ESOL for Work qualifications are available at Entry 3 and Level 1.