



Adult Skills and Learning Service

ESOL AND SETTLEMENT/CITIZENSHIP

Information for Learners

Some of our learners want to use evidence of taking an ESOL course to help with Home Office applications for settlement (Indefinite Leave to Remain) or citizenship (naturalisation). This information tells you what we can do to help.

All of our learners have an initial assessment before joining a course which shows us what level you are at before you start.

If you are Level 1 or Level 2 on the Adult ESOL Curriculum, then we cannot provide the evidence required by the Home Office. Instead, you must pass a 'Life in the UK Test' through a *learnirect* centre. You can find information about this on the Life in the UK Test website www.lifeintheuktest.gov.uk

A Trinity ESOL Speaking and Listening qualification at Entry 1, Entry 2 or Entry 3 can be used as evidence for Home Office applications, although this is not the only thing that will be looked at.

Your ESOL course must include citizenship materials. All Entry level Speaking and Listening courses delivered by Leicester Adult Skills and Learning Service include citizenship elements, so that you learn about life in the United Kingdom while you are improving your Speaking and Listening skills.

If you need a letter to help with Home Office applications, this is what you must do:

- Pass a Speaking and Listening exam at Entry 1, Entry 2 or Entry 3
- Wait until you get your certificate – this can take six weeks
- Take your certificate to the centre where you took your course
- The staff will take a copy of your certificate and request a letter for you that will be signed by the Head of Service
- Tell the staff at the centre if you want your letter posted to you at home or if you are going to come and collect it
- We will need a week to get the letter for you

Please note

Getting a letter for the Home Office does not mean that you will definitely get leave to remain or citizenship. The Home Office looks at other information and sometimes asks us for more information about your learning. The Home Office may also change the rules about what sort of certificates it will accept.