

Programmes

As the country's only national provider of ESOL, ELP teaches English and provides social support to adult former refugees and migrants from non-English speaking backgrounds who have resident status in New Zealand. Some programmes are also available to non-permanent resident learners. Your centre manager will be able to explain these to you and provide you with further information on any locally run programmes.

Our programmes typically teach everyday communication skills such as speaking, listening, reading, writing, numeracy, learning to learn, and intercultural understanding. We cater to the needs of a wide range of learners from beginner to advanced levels, with specific programmes targeting those with very low levels of English and high literacy needs; as well as tailored workplace English programmes. We work alongside migrants and former refugees to support them to achieve their social, further study and economic goals.

ELP's delivery is community based. We teach in community venues such as community centres, libraries, church halls, mosques, homes and workplaces. This accessibility allows learners to easily attend classes and integrate with the communities they live and work in. After completing ELP programmes, learners benefit from ELP's extensive networks which allow us to transition learners to further education or into alternative pathways. For other learners their path ends when they achieve their individual learning goal/s of being able to communicate confidently and effectively in their daily lives.

With a history of more than 35 years delivering ESOL programmes, ELP has developed significant expertise, particularly with low-level learners. The scale of ELP's operations and our national coverage means that we have the capacity to invest in ongoing development that enables us to offer innovative and quality ESOL programmes. ELP actively contributes to the development of ESOL and literacy tertiary education in New Zealand.

Learner eligibility for programmes can vary from programme to programme but generally students must be; a NZ citizen or resident, 16 years of age and older, for whom English is a second language, and not a full time secondary student.

Specific activities vary from centre to centre but the following is an overview of the national programmes delivered in most, if not all centres. For further information about any of the following programmes, please talk to your centre manager and ask to see the Programmes Super Handbook.

ESOL Home Tutoring

Trained volunteer tutors teach learners on a one-to-one basis, usually in the learners' homes, for 1 to 2 hours a week. Priority is given to learners who are new to New Zealand, need English for immediate goals (e.g. to get a job), are former refugees or asylum seekers, cannot read or write (in any language), have low levels of English and/or cannot go to any other English classes or need support with their class work. Lessons focus on both language and settlement needs to help learners participate in NZ society.

Certificate in ESOL Home Tutoring

A course for volunteers who want to become trained ESOL home tutors. Once trained, tutors provide one-to-one English-language support to adult migrants and refugees in New Zealand. They assist adult language learners to develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills and to participate in their local community. Course topics include intercultural awareness, adults as

language learners, ESOL teaching techniques, setting learner goals, planning and evaluating tutoring sessions and reporting on progress.

The Certificate in ESOL Home Tutoring is approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and English Language Partners New Zealand is accredited to deliver it. Applicants need to be fluent in English and keen to make a regular commitment to volunteering.

English Language Groups (ELG)

English classes for adult learners with a focus on everyday English and life in New Zealand. The aim is to assist learners to improve their ability to function in daily life and increase their confidence in living and working in New Zealand. Often ELGs are delivered for 2 to 4 hours per week, but this fund also has the flexibility to deliver more intensive ELGs (for example school holiday programmes or ELGs targeting particular skills).

ELG: Work Talk programme (ELGWT)

A course of up to 48 hours, delivered intensively over four weeks, for learners who are actively seeking work. Work Talk builds skills and confidence in the job search process. It covers a range of topics including writing CVs and cover letters, matching skills and experience with suitable job vacancies, interview preparation and practice and employment rights. The course provides some background in NZ workplace culture. Work Talk is suitable for learners of around intermediate level. Graduates of this programme are offered additional job-mentoring sessions.

ELG: Road Code Programme (ELGRC)

A course for refugee-background learners who want to study for the Learner Driver Theory Test. A 30 to 45 hour course for learners at an English language level of high elementary/pre-intermediate. Learners who have arrived under the Refugee Quota category are given priority. These learners may be eligible to pathway into a practical driver-training programme (the Open Road programme offered by Red Cross and other community-based providers).

ELG: IELTS

A course for learners who are preparing to sit the IELTS exam in order to access further tertiary study or to meet residency requirements.

ESOL Literacy

ESOL Literacy is an intensive literacy programme for adults who have low English language and/or literacy skills, and limited prior education, usually less than 6 years of schooling. The programme goals are to develop English language and literacy skills to enable learners to participate more effectively in New Zealand society and to undertake further educational and vocational opportunities. As well as building confidence and skill in spoken interactions, particular attention is given to establishing the building blocks needed to read and write.

Delivery: 10 hours per week, 340 hours per year delivered over four terms

Qualified teachers and CLAs (Cultural Language Assistants)

ESOL Intensive

Intensive group tuition in order to improve learners' confidence, independence and participation in the wider community and/or at work. Study up to 20 hours a week for a total of 250 hours a year. Courses from beginner level.

English for Employees (E4E) programme

The English for Employees programme is a part-time, flexible programme for learners who are working and want to improve their language, literacy and numeracy for the workplace. Content is flexible to meet individual needs and learning goals. Provided at times that are flexible to fit around learner employment hours. Classes run evenings, weekdays, and weekends – flexible to learners' needs. Learners will be in the paid workforce and will have literacy and /or numeracy skill needs.

30 or 45 contact hours run at either

- 2.5 hours per week
- 2 hours x 2 per week

English for Migrants Programme (EFM)

The English for Migrants programme is for learners who have pre-purchased English language tuition through the New Zealand Immigration Services. ELPNZ is contracted by the Tertiary Education Commission to offer this programme. Most tuition is supplied on a one-to-one basis with a qualified ESOL teacher, but group tuition in our ELG and ESOL Intensive programmes is also an option at some centres.

New Zealand Certificate in English Language (NZCEL)

In 2012, six new qualifications were added to the NZQA framework – the NZ Certificate in English Language Foundation Level 1 – Level 5. These qualifications replace all previous qualifications in ESOL. English Language Partners delivers the:

- New Zealand Certificate in English Language Level 1 (NZCEL1)
- New Zealand Certificate in English Language Level 2 (NZCEL2)

ELP has approval to assess 14 unit standards linked with the above two NZ Certificate in English Language (NZCEL) programmes. Learners will generally have low English language and/or literacy skills.