

Cambridge CELTA

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What is CELTA?

Cambridge CELTA is the Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults, one of the world's foremost initial qualifications for people who wish to become professional teachers of English language. It is accepted throughout the world by organisations which employ English language teachers. CELTA courses are run at over 200 approved centres in 38 countries and more than 7,000 candidates complete a CELTA course each year. Cambridge also works with international ELT organisations to ensure the acceptance of CELTA globally.

The CELTA is administered by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), an international examining body which develops, administers and promotes English language teaching (ELT).

Who is CELTA for?

CELTA courses are designed for people who have either had no previous teaching experience or some teaching experience. Candidates come from all walks of life. Many are recent university graduates, but others are already qualified as teachers of other subjects or are professionals in other fields looking for a change of career or a career break. Most candidates see CELTA as the starting point of a long-term career in English language teaching.

Who can enrol for a CELTA course?

Cambridge recommends that candidates should at least have a standard of education equivalent to that required for entry to tertiary study. Centres may, at their discretion, also accept candidates who do not have formal qualifications at this level but **who can demonstrate that they have appropriate language competence, skills and experience**. It is generally recommended that candidates should be aged at least 20.

Applicants do not need to have English as their first language, but must have a standard of English which will enable them to teach at a range of levels.

What do the courses cover?

During the course, candidates become familiar with the principles of effective teaching and a range of practical skills for teaching English to adult learners. Besides daily sessions on teaching methodology and language analysis, the course offers teaching practice, observation of experienced teachers in the classroom and completion of a range of practically-focussed written assignments.

How are candidates assessed?

Candidates are assessed continuously during the course and there is no final examination. An external assessor, who is appointed by UCLES, moderates each course.

There are 3 components of assessment:

Assessment of Teaching Practice

Candidates teach for a total of 6 hours, working with classes at two levels of ability. The assessment is based on the candidate's overall performance at the end of the 6 hours.

Written Assignments

There are four written assignments. Two assignments explore aspects of teaching and learning English at adult level, one involves work on the language system of English and one is a reflection on classroom teaching.

The assignments are marked by the centre, and moderated by an external assessor appointed by UCLES.

Professional Development

This is based on a candidate's overall performance on the course.

To be successful, candidates must pass all components. There are 3 pass grades: Pass, Pass 'B' and Pass 'A'.

Successful candidates receive a Certificate awarded by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate. The centre also provides a report on performance and achievement for each candidate.

Tuition Fee: \$3,070

Enrolment Procedure

Applicants must complete an application form and a pre-interview task. These will be sent upon receipt of the initial request for information. All applications undergo an initial assessment and selected candidates are invited for an interview. Applicants will be offered a place on a course depending on performance in the interview. To secure a place, a non-refundable deposit of \$370 is required. The full course fee is due no later than four weeks before the course begins. Failure to pay may cause applicants to forfeit a place.

If too few candidates register, a course may be cancelled. In this situation, all fees will be refunded. If a candidate withdraws at any time after the course has commenced, fees will not be refunded, nor will they be transferred to a future course. Prior to the course commencing, it may be possible to transfer fees to a future course, on request, but only if the applicant's place on the existing course can be filled.

CELTA courses often fill up early, so it is wise to make an application **as soon as possible**.

If you would like an application form please contact:

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