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Teaching English as a Foreign Language

The best source of information in Ireland about training as a teacher of English as a foreign language (TEFL) or as a second language (TESL) or for speakers of other languages (TESOL), is the Accreditation and Co-Ordination of English Language Services or ACELS. ACELS is currently the national body responsible for the recognition of English teaching qualifications and English language schools in Ireland.

On the website, www.acels.ie are details of the types of qualifications necessary to be recognised as a teacher of English in Ireland. They list all the courses which are recognised as meeting the requirements for official recognition. They also list all the approved English language schools in Ireland.

The following information is taken from the ACELS website:

Initial and Preparatory ELE Qualification Awards: Recognised Awards, 2017

Initial ELE qualifications refer to any initial, generally pre-service, TEFL / TESOL / ELE (or other) qualification which awards the successful trainee with a certificate (or equivalent) enfranchising the trainee to engage in English language teaching.

The requirements for teaching English in the recognised English language teaching sector in Ireland state that a teacher is required to hold at least a QQI Level 7 degree (ordinary bachelor degree) or equivalent and a recognised English language education award.

The following are the awards recognised by ACELS:

- CELT (Certificate in English Language Teaching)*
- CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults)
- Trinity College ESOL (English as a Second Language)
- NUI (National University of Ireland) ELE (English Language Education) Certificate

* Please note that the CELT is accepted for employment in other jurisdictions, e.g., accredited schools in the UK and Australia.

ACELS Certificates

Since January 1st 2005, there have been two ACELS certificates for initial ELE qualifications offered by recognised course providers in Ireland.

CELT: Certificate in English Language Teaching (CELT): All successful trainees who are awarded this certificate are eligible to work in all Department of Education & Skills recognised English language (ELE) schools in Ireland.

Preparatory ELE Qualification: Certificate for the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language to Secondary Level Students (awarded to State Qualified Teachers). This course is open to state-qualified teachers (and those in their final year of training). All successful trainees who are awarded this certificate are eligible to work in the Junior ELE sector in all ACELS recognised schools in Ireland. (www.acels.ie 15th March 2017)

Course providers

While there are recognised courses all over Ireland, for the purposes of this information sheet we have listed those courses that are closest to Kerry. The qualification(s) that they offer is/are indicated but readers are advised to contact the provider directly for details of dates, prices etc.

ACET – Active Centre for English Training (CELT)

Wellington House, 16 St Patrick's Place, Wellington Road, Cork T23 AK82

Tel: 021 455 1661; e-mail: info@acetireland.ie

Web: <http://www.acetireland.ie/our-courses/course/celta>

Atlantic School of English and Active Leisure (Trinity College CertTESOL and CELT)

Cooradarrigan, Schull, Co.Cork, Ireland.

Tel: 028 28943; email: info@atlantic-english.com

Web: <http://www.atlantic-english.com/courses/teacher-training-cert-tesol>

They also offer short and refresher courses for both groups and individuals.

University College Cork – University Language Centre (Cambridge CELTA)

Tel: 021 490 2043; e-mail: info@langcent.ucc.ie

Web: <http://www.ucc.ie/en/esol/teach-train/celta>

They also offer an ACELS preparatory certificate course for qualified school teachers.

University of Limerick (Department of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)

Plassey Technological Park, Castletroy, Limerick

Tel. 061 202432; e-mail: freda.mishan@ul.ie

Web: www.ulsites.ul.ie/mlal

Graduate Diploma/M.A. in Teaching English to Speakers of other languages

This is a one year, full-time course. It is delivered over two semesters, after which participants may exit the course with a Graduate Diploma in TESOL.

To complete the Masters programme, participants must follow the taught semesters with a dissertation writing period over the summer.

The programme is intended primarily for graduates who plan careers as teachers of EFL/ELT, EFL school inspectors, course designers or directors of studies in the areas of ELT.

Trinity College, University of Dublin Graduate Studies Office, Arts Building, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 896 1106 e-mail: gessica.deangelis@tcd.ie

Web: www.tcd.ie/slscs/postgraduate/taught-courses/english-language-teaching

English Language Teaching (M.Phil./P.Grad.Dip)

This course is aimed at both experienced and non-experienced teachers of English as a foreign or second language. The programme will give practising teachers the opportunity to explore current issues in ELT, and to deepen their understanding of the theoretical and practical concerns that underlie their teaching. For non-experienced teachers, there is a ‘Practices in TESOL’ strand. The course takes one year full-time and two years part-time.

Other Courses*

TEFL Ireland

Exploration House, 32 Grattan Square, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Tel: 058 40050, fax: 058 40059 e-mail: ireland@i-to-i.com Web: www.i-to-i.com/tefl-courses

- Weekend (20 hour) TEFL course classroom delivery
- 120 hour TEFL course- weekend course plus 100 hours online
- 130 hour TEFL course- one day course plus 120 hours online
- 140 hour TEFL course- weekend course plus 120 hours online

Weekend courses held in: Dublin, Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Athlone, Belfast, Carlow, Wexford, Tralee, Dundalk, Kilkenny, Letterkenny and Sligo

TEFL House 4 Old Street, Malahide, Co. Dublin

Tel. 01 8457927 e-mail: info@teflhouse.com Web: www.teflhouse.com/

- 100 hours' online course

TEFL courses Ireland 18 Alexander Place, Inverness, Scotland

Tel. 01 6971389 (Dublin) Web: www.teflcoursesireland.ie/tefl/courses

- Online courses of 50 hours, 80 hours, 100 hours and 120 hours' duration.
- Weekend courses run in Cork, Dublin and Sligo.
- Blended learning courses combining both weekend and online courses also offered.
- Other courses such as advanced level and specialist courses also available.

**Please note that online ELE qualifications and i-to-I ELE qualifications are not recognised by ACELS for the purposes of teaching English in the recognised ELE sector in Ireland.*

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