

## The UK's leading credit-based Awarding Body

NOCN is the leading credit-based Awarding Body in the UK. There are 2,500 centres nationally offering NOCN qualifications, which collectively certificate over 800,000 successful learners every year.

NOCN licenses nine regional OCNs in England, one in Wales and one in Northern Ireland.

OCN staff have the experience and expertise to offer support and advice on the use of all NOCN qualifications. OCNs also offer continuing professional development for staff in provider organisations from all sectors by providing training in the assessment of credit and internal quality assurance.

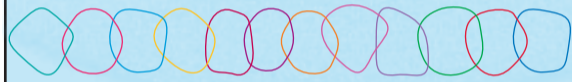
## To find out more

**For more information about NOCN Certificates in ESOL Skills for Life contact your nearest Open College Network (OCN)**

**Details can be found at [www.nocn.org.uk](http://www.nocn.org.uk)**

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## NOCN Certificates in ESOL Skills for Life



*Information for  
learning providers*



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*The National Open College Network (NOCN) is the leading credit and unit-based Awarding Body in the UK. NOCN has a range of qualifications in the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), including the Qualifications for Progression, and is involved in the tests and trials for the new Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).*

*NOCN qualifications consist of units of assessment, each with an assigned level and credit value which allow the learner to achieve at their own pace and build towards a full qualification over time. Each 10 hours of learning has one credit attached.*

*The following NOCN ESOL Skills for Life qualifications are available:*

*NOCN Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 1)*

*NOCN Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 2)*

*NOCN Entry Level Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life (Entry 3)*

## What makes up the NOCN Certificates in ESOL Skills for Life?

- Three mandatory units in: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening
- Internally set and internally marked assessment for Speaking and Listening
- Externally set and internally marked assessments for Reading and Writing

## What are the key benefits for your Centre?

The qualifications are:

- Eligible for funding in England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Accredited by the regulatory authorities, nationally recognised and quality assured
- Suitable for use in all types of learning environments

Qualification guides contain essential and helpful information for delivering NOCN Certificates in ESOL Skills for Life.

All OCNs have an ESOL contact to offer support and guidance.

## What are the key benefits for your learners?

- Learners can achieve units at different sub-levels of Entry Level so allowing for 'spiky' profiles
- There is separate certification for the three modes of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening
- Individual units or full qualifications can be achieved and recognised
- The flexibility of the qualifications allows learners to take assessments at any time

## Who are the qualifications aimed at?

NOCN's Certificates in ESOL Skills for Life have been designed to meet the needs of a broad range of learners, who want to improve their level of English skills. These may include:

- Members of established ethnic communities who have been settled in the UK for some time
- Those who want to live and work in this country and, if appropriate, intend to become citizens of the UK
- Priority learners, such as those who are unemployed or receiving income-based benefits
- Vulnerable learners, including spouses and low-paid workers
- Asylum seekers



*Full details about the NOCN Certificates in ESOL Skills for Life are given in the qualification guides, available to download from the NOCN website [www.nocn.org.uk](http://www.nocn.org.uk). Your OCN will be pleased to supply information about all the NOCN qualifications, including the innovative Qualifications for Progression.*