



Tertiary Education Commission
Te Amorangi Mātauranga Matua

Tertiary Education Commission Services for Migrants

http://www.tec.govt.nz/education_and_training/english_for_migrants/english_for_speakers_of_other_languages.htm

English for Migrants

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The TEC administers the English for Migrants programme on behalf of the Department of Labour (Immigration). Non-principal migrants, who have pre-purchased English tuition as part of their visa requirements, can contact the TEC in order to access their tuition fees. If migrants have paid this fee, they need to use it within three and a half years, if paid before they arrived in New Zealand, or three years if paid in New Zealand. The TEC and the ESOL Assessment and Access Service Specialists can help migrants choose an appropriate ESOL programme.

To contact the TEC:

Freephone 0800 376 569; or

Email efm@tec.govt.nz

ESOL Advisory Service

http://www.tec.govt.nz/education_and_training/english_for_migrants/assessment_access_specialist.htm

The Advisory Service is placed in a Migrant & Refugee Centre to provide potential ESOL learners with an assessment and impartial advice on which provision would best meet their needs. The ESOL specialist actively engages with communities, including travelling to meet with people who cannot access the Centre due to transport/location issues. The specialists also have a role in liaising with providers providing them with information regarding needs, as well as scoping the available provision. This can directly improve the effectiveness of ESOL provision.

Services were first established in the Auckland Regional Migrant Centres (ARMS) in Three Kings, Auckland and Manukau, and then at the Multicultural Learning and Support Services (MCLaSS) in Wellington. Services have now been established at the Waikato Migrant Resource Centre in Hamilton, and the Refugee and Migrant Centre in Christchurch. A second service in Wellington's Hutt Valley has been established through Work and Income.

Academic Migrant Grants

http://www.tec.govt.nz/education_and_training/english_for_migrants/academic_migrant_grants.htm

A lack of English language has been identified as one of the key barriers to participation in New Zealand society for new settlers. This initiative focuses on removing the English language barrier through ESOL training, in particular for migrants with tertiary qualifications, which will enable them to better participate in all aspects of New Zealand society, including further education, employment and community activities.

The purpose of the study grants is to provide extra funding to Tertiary Education Institutions only, to supply fully subsidised places for migrants who have tertiary qualifications and English language needs to undertake Student Component funded ESOL courses.

The grants scheme contributes to the National Immigration Settlement Strategy by:

- supporting migrants to obtain employment appropriate to their qualifications and skills; and
- supporting migrants to be confident in using English in a New Zealand setting, or providing access to appropriate language support to bridge the gap.

For the 2006 academic year, 125 places were allocated across 9 institutes.

Bilingual Tutor Grants

http://www.tec.govt.nz/education_and_training/english_for_migrants/bilingual_tutor_grants.htm

The upskilling of foundation learning professionals has been identified as an important step in building an effective foundation learning system that is based on quality and relevance. This initiative, funded from Budget 2005 (Learning for Living) focuses on building capability, and through effective teaching raising the quality of foundation learning. This initiative provides study grants to help people who have bilingual language skills to undertake study to become adult ESOL tutors. The study grant is intended to meet the cost of studying.

These grants are intended to build capability within New Zealand, to ensure that adults with limited English language are able to communicate with tutors fluent in both English and their own first or additional language.

Other TEC funded services for Migrants

Adult Community Education (ACE), National

Adult Community Education is aimed at providing foundation learning to people who would not usually access education. Large numbers of literacy and language programmes provided by ACE providers attract migrants as ACE provision is designed to reflect the needs of the community. ACE programmes are provided by education organisations such as secondary

schools, polytechnics, Rural Education Activities Programmes (REAP's), and Other Tertiary Education Providers (OTEP's) such as ESOL Home Tutors Service and MCLaSS.

The **National Association of ESOL Home Tutor Schemes** (nationwide) is funded by the TEC to provide programmes to develop English language skills and settlement support to migrants in their homes and communities.

Volunteer English language tutors can provide 1 hour per week of free ESOL and social support to migrants. They also offer a number of "Social English" learning groups, and professional ESOL literacy classes.

ESOL Advisory Services:

<p>Auckland Regional Migrant Resource Centre Phone: 09 625 3094 Website: www.arms-mrc.org.nz Email: esolauckland@arms-mrc.org.nz</p>	<p>Manukau Migrant Resource Centre Manukau City Phone: 09 263 5490 Website: www.arms-mrc.org.nz Email: esolmanukau@arms-mrc.org.nz</p>	<p>Waikato Migrant Resource Centre Phone: 07 853 2196 Email: esol.advisor@xtra.co.nz</p>
<p>The Multicultural Centre Wellington Phone: 04 384 8618 Email: esol.specialist@xtra.co.nz</p>	<p>Hutt Valley Te Awakairangi Community Resource Centre Phone: 027 494 0045 Email: huttesol.specialist@xtra.co.nz</p>	<p>The Refugee and Migrant Centre Christchurch Phone: 03 366 8254 Email: esol.advice@xtra.co.nz</p>