

Frequently Asked Questions

1- When and where can I do the CELTA?

Currently the CELTA is only offered in Jeddah or Riyadh. The course dates of upcoming courses are uploaded periodically here: <https://www.britishcouncil.sa/en/teach/courses/celta>

2- Do you offer a part-time CELTA for working people?

We do offer a part time CELTA for working people that lasts 12 weeks with classes on weekends and evenings. There is also an intensive CELTA that is for 4 weeks and runs 5 days a week for 8 hours a day.

3- Do you offer the online CELTA?

We currently offer the face to face CELTA only.

4- What are the requirements?

Candidates must be:

- at least 20 years old (when the course begins)
- have a standard of education that allows entry to higher education in their country
- competent in written and spoken English (C1 level on the **Common European Framework** or IELTS Band 8.0).

5- What is a good C1 level on the Common European Framework?

If you are a non-native speaker of English, your English language competence will be scrutinised in your application and in the interview, should you be offered one.

C1 descriptor: *Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.*

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/>

6- Can I apply without an English language qualification like the IELTS or TOEFL?

Yes, your English language competence will be scrutinised in your application and in the interview, should you be offered one.

7- What is the application process for a CELTA?

All applications are collected after the end of the application deadline. The applications are then shortlisted. Shortlisted candidates are then called for an interview. The best 12 candidates emerging from the interview are then offered a place on the CELTA.

8- What if my application is unsuccessful?

If your application is unsuccessful, you will be notified by email. We will highlight our reasons for not taking an application to the interview stage. However, please understand it is not possible for us to enter into a correspondence to give detailed feedback on the reasons and appeals will not be considered. This is because of the large volume of applications received.

9- If my application is unsuccessful, can I reapply?

If your application is unsuccessful, you may reapply **after 6 months**. We feel it usually takes at least this long to make significant improvements in language awareness or language competence. If you reapply in six months, we will ask you specifically about the steps you have taken to address the issue highlighted in the original interview.

10- I am a native speaker. Do I still need to do the pre-interview task and go through the interview?

Yes, in order to be offered a place on the course, you need to have good language awareness. Being a native English speaker, doesn't make one an effective teacher. While you are not expected to have excellent language awareness before the course starts as this is an area that can be developed throughout the course, if you are unsure about answers we encourage you to check in resource books, the dictionary or the Internet as this is what you would be expected to do on the course.

11- What if I got accepted on a course and paid the booking deposit then something came up and I could not do it?

The booking deposit is non-refundable.

12- I got accepted onto another course in another approved CELTA centre. Does this mean that I will be offered a place on one of the courses without having to do the application and the interview?

You would still need to complete the application form and get through the interview stage if you were offered one. CELTA courses are designed by individual centres, based on specifications produced by Cambridge ESOL. Acceptance or rejection is at the centre's discretion.

13- Do I need to attend everyday?

Yes, 100% attendance is a course requirement.

14- What will I learn on the CELTA course?

The full CELTA syllabus can be viewed on the Cambridge website:
<http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/teaching-english/teaching-qualifications/celta/>

15- How will I be assessed?

There are two components to the assessment-Teaching practice and Written assignments.

16- Do you offer discount or funding?

We currently do not offer any discounts or funding. However, you can pay through your credit card (SAAB or SAMBA only), where you can avail an instalment scheme with 0% in charges. Please contact the customer service of either bank.

17- Do you provide free accommodation or help with accommodation?

We are currently unable to provide any help with accommodation. Trainees travelling from abroad or another city need to ensure that they have made arrangements prior to the beginning of the course.

18- Can I get a job at the British Council once I finish the CELTA course?

Doing the CELTA course does not guarantee that you can automatically work for the British Council. You need to be an enthusiastic and motivated EFL teacher with a CELTA or Trinity Cert. TESOL and at least 2 years' experience of teaching EFL after training. Awarded by Cambridge ESOL, part of the University of Cambridge, the CELTA can open up a whole world of exciting teaching opportunities around the world. Once you get enough experience (at least 2 years), you will need to keep an eye on the website <https://jobs.britishcouncil.org/welcome.aspx> for vacancies advertised at the British Council.

19- Do you offer the YL Extension to the CELTA course or the DELTA?

We only run the course for our teachers for the time being but we might open it for external applicants in the future. It will be advertised on the website once we start accepting external applicants.