

Qualification achievement levels

RQF Level	EQF Level	CEFR levels (Language)	English language					Drama	Music					Arts Award
			TESOL	ESOL Skills for Life (UK only)	Integrated Skills in English (ISE)	Graded Examinations in Spoken English (GESE)	Trinity Stars*	Drama	Classical and Jazz	Rock & Pop	Theory & Written	Music Tracks*	Solo & Group Certificates*	Arts Award
7	7		DipTESOL						FTCL					
6	6							LTCL	LTCL		LMusTCL			
5	4/5		CertTESOL											
4								ATCL	ATCL		AMusTCL			
3	4	C2			ISE IV	Grade 12		Grade 8	Grade 8	Grade 8	Grade 8		Advanced	Gold
2	3	C1		Level 2	ISE III	Grade 11 Grade 10		Grade 7 Grade 6	Grade 7 Grade 6	Grade 7 Grade 6	Grade 7 Grade 6		Intermediate	Silver
1	2	B2		Level 1	ISE II	Grade 9 Grade 8 Grade 7		Grade 5 Grade 4 Grade 3	Grade 5 Grade 4 Grade 3	Grade 5 Grade 4 Grade 3	Grade 5 Grade 4 Grade 3		Foundation	Bronze
Entry Level 3	1	B1		Entry Level 3	ISE I	Grade 6 Grade 5		Grade 2 Grade 1	Grade 2 Grade 1	Grade 2 Grade 1	Grade 2 Grade 1		Track 2 Track 1	Explore
Entry Level 2	–	A2		Entry Level 2	ISE Foundation	Grade 4 Grade 3		Initial	Initial	Initial			Initial Track	
Entry Level 1	–	A1		Entry Level 1		Grade 2								
Unregulated preliminary awards*		Pre-A1		Steps 1 & 2*		Grade 1*	Trinity Stars*						First Access Tracks	Discover*

Notes

1. Communication Skills qualifications are listed among Drama qualifications with grades available at the same levels
2. New FTCL assessments in TESOL, Drama and Music Theory at Level 7 cease to be offered though existing Trinity certificates continue to be valid.
3. Spoken English for Work (SEW) assessments ceased in 2017. Certificates continue to be valid for SEW B1, B2, B2+ and C1.
4. *ESOL Steps 1 & 2, GESE Grade 1, Trinity Stars, Music Tracks, Solo & Group Certificates and Arts Award Discover awards are not listed on the Regulated Qualifications Framework.
5. Click on RQF Level in the table above to see generic level descriptors. Details of specific knowledge and skills required can be found in syllabuses and specifications on our website.

[6. Click to download GESE 'can do' descriptors](#)

[7. Click to download ISE 'can do' descriptors](#)

[8. Click to download ESOL Skills for Life 'can do' descriptors](#)

Active links highlighted in blue.