



## Qualification Specification

GA Level 3 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)

603/0150/8

This qualification is subject to the GA Centre Assessment and Standards Scrutiny and General Moderation policy.

## Section 1 - Qualification Overview

### **1.1 Introduction: About the Gatehouse Awards Teaching English as a Foreign Language Qualification**

The Gatehouse Awards (GA) Teaching English as Foreign Language (TEFL) qualifications are designed to give learners working or preparing to work in an educational setting the knowledge, skills and understanding to teach English as a foreign or additional language, in line with best practice.

This specification covers the GA Level 3 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL).

This document provides centre staff, learners and employers with a comprehensive overview of the qualification content as well as the assessment and quality assurance requirements for this qualification.

The qualification is regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulations (Ofqual) in England and is part of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

All versions of this qualification are listed on the Register of Regulated Qualifications which is operated by Ofqual at <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk>.

This qualification is not designed to replace any existing qualifications.

### **1.2 Qualification Title, Qualification Numbers and Important Dates**

Qualification Title and Level	Qualification Number	Operational Start Date	Next Operational Review Date
<b>GA Level 3 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)</b>	<b>603/0150/8</b>	<b>01/08/2016</b>	<b>January 2028</b>

### **1.3 Qualification Aims and Objectives**

This qualification can be relied upon by employers to indicate that an individual can undertake a specific role in the workplace.

The aim of this qualification is to give learners working, or preparing to work, in an educational setting the knowledge, skills and understanding to teach English as a foreign or additional language to learners, in an EFL setting, in line with best practice.

#### 1.4 Qualification Structure and Overview: Units, GLH\*, TQT\*\* and Credit Values

This GA Level 3 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) qualification is listed on the Ofqual Register of Regulated Qualifications as part of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

The structure of this qualification is as follows:

GA Level 3 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)				
Mandatory Units	Unit Reference	Credits	GLH*	Study Time
1. Lesson Planning in Teaching English as a Foreign Language	F/615/0610	5	0	50
2. Lesson Content in Teaching English as a Foreign Language	R/615/0613	5	0	50
3. Lesson Delivery in Teaching English as a Foreign Language	H/615/0616	5	0	50
		Total Credits: 15	Total GLH*: 0	GLH + Study Time = TQT**: 150

##### \*Guided Learning Hours (GLH): Definition

The activity of a learner in being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.

##### \*\*Total Qualification Time (TQT): Definition

The number of Guided Learning Hours assigned, plus an estimate of the number of study hours a learner will reasonably be likely to spend in preparation, study or any other form of

participation in education or training, including assessment, which takes place as directed by – but, unlike Guided Learning, not under the immediate guidance or supervision of a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.

The number of study hours a learner is expected to undertake in order to complete each unit is expressed in the '**Study Time**' above. This, including the GLH, provides the Total Qualification Time, or TQT, and represents an estimate of the total amount of time that could reasonably be expected to be required in order for a learner to achieve and demonstrate the achievement of the level of attainment necessary for the award of these qualifications.

The estimates for Guided Learning Hours and Total Qualification Time above have been produced with due regard to information gathered from those with experience in education and training and is in line with guidance published by Ofqual on the allocation and expression of Total Qualification Time and Guided Learning Hours.

## **Level**

The qualification within this specification is designated at Level 3 on the Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF) according to the Level Descriptors for knowledge and understanding, which build on those used within the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and the European Qualifications Framework (EQF). This means that these qualifications are considered by GA to lead to the outcome as follows:

Achievement at Level 3 reflects the ability to identify and use factual, procedural and theoretical knowledge and understanding of a subject or field of work to complete tasks and address problems that while well-defined, may be complex and non-routine, interpret and evaluate relevant information and ideas, and reflects an awareness of the nature of the area of study or work and different perspectives or approaches within the area of study or work.

## **1.5 Intended Audience, Age and Entry Requirements**

This qualification is available to candidates aged 18 and over, who are working, or preparing to work, as teachers of English as a Foreign Language.

There are other no formal entry requirements for these qualifications; however, due to the nature of the qualification content, those undertaking the qualification must have a proficient level of spoken and written English and hold a formal English language qualification of at least Level 2, for example:

- GCSE English Language (A\*- C / Grade 4 or above), or equivalent
- ESOL International (CEFR: C1 or C2)

It is recommended that prior to commencing a programme of study leading to any of these qualifications, learners receive detailed advice and guidance from the centre in order to ensure the programme will meet their needs.

## **1.6 Rules of Combination**

Component units of the qualification are listed in 1.4 above.

There are no further Rules of Combination.

## **1.7 Recognition of Prior Learning and Transfer of Credits**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a method of assessing whether a learner's previous experience and achievements meet the standard requirements of a GA unit or units prior to the candidate taking the assessment for the qualification, or part of the qualification, they are registered for.

Any prior learning must be relevant to the knowledge, skills and understanding which will be assessed as part of that qualification, and GA will subsequently amend the requirements which a candidate must have satisfied before they are assessed as eligible to be awarded the qualification.

Where there is evidence that the candidate's knowledge and skills are current, valid and sufficient the use of RPL may be acceptable for recognising achievement of a unit, units or whole qualification. The requirement for RPL in such instances will include a consideration of the currency of the knowledge gained by the candidate at the time they undertook the prior learning. RPL cannot be guaranteed in instances where industry practice or legislation has significantly changed in the time since the prior learning was undertaken / a previous award was issued.

All RPL decisions and processes are subject to External Quality Assurance (EQA) scrutiny and must be documented in line with GA's quality assurance requirements.

No transfer of credits is permitted for this qualification.

## **1.8 Relationship to Other Qualifications & Progression Opportunities**

The GA Level 3 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) qualification is designed to provide an introduction to the skills and knowledge required to work in the field of Teaching English as a Foreign Language.

It is an ideal qualification for learners who wish to work in the UK and abroad.

Learners may progress onto further Education and Training qualifications, or other qualifications at a higher level in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, for example the GA Level 5 Certificate or GA Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL).

### **1.9 Language of Assessment**

This qualification is offered in English. Further information concerning the provision of qualification and assessment materials in other languages may be obtained from GA.

### **1.10 Grading**

All learning outcomes and assessment requirements must be met before a learner can be considered having achieved this qualification.

These qualifications are not graded on a scale. Learners are assessed as Pass or Fail. Learners who aren't successful can resubmit work within the registration period.

### **1.11 Qualification Availability**

This qualification is available via GA Approved Centres in the UK and internationally. If you would like further information on offering this qualification, please contact us.

Our contact details appear on our website, [www.gatehouseawards.org](http://www.gatehouseawards.org)

## **Section 2 – Qualification Delivery Models and Administration**

### **2.1 Teaching and Learning Requirements**

Courses leading to the GA Teaching English as Foreign Language qualifications consist of either e-learning courses or classroom-based courses.

Learners can therefore undertake learning and assessment on a flexible basis.

Learners must have suitable access to teaching and assessment staff as well as technical support. Specialist staff, high quality learning materials and access to assessment opportunities are essential for all centres.

Further details and guidance on the content of teaching and learning for each unit can be found in the GA TEFL Syllabus in Section 4 below.

### **2.2 Assessment and Quality Assurance Model**

This qualification is offered in two different models.

#### **Model 1: Centre-assessed model**

This means that courses leading to these qualifications are delivered by a GA approved centre where learners' work is internally assessed and internally moderated by centre staff to clearly show where learners have achieved the learning outcomes and qualification requirements. Under this model, there is no requirement for external assessment.

Assessment, internal moderation and quality assurance activities are subject to external moderation and quality assurance conducted by GA. Centres operating this model are subject to the GA Centre Assessment and Standards Scrutiny (CASS) and General Moderation Policy.

#### **Model 2: Externally-assessed model (online)**

This means that centres may purchase online programmes directly from GA, which contain all teaching, learning and assessment content. Learners submit work online and it is externally assessed and moderated by GA staff. Where learners have achieved the learning outcomes and qualification requirements, the centre is NOT required to provide further evidence or assessment and internal moderation records.

Centres may wish to offer Model 2, with some classroom-based practice included in their offer. This does not require the centre to provide any further evidence or assessment and

internal moderation records in order for GA to be assured that the learner has met the qualification requirements as directed by the online course package.

### **2.3 Registering Learners and Unique Learner Numbers**

Learners must be registered through the Ark, the GA online Learner Management System.

Owing to the Total Qualification Time of this qualification, the validity period of registrations is 1 year.

Should a learner not have achieved in the timescale, a new registration is required.

Each approved GA centre is provided with a user account to allow approved staff access to the online system.

Where the Unique Learner Number (ULN) of a learner is known, this should be provided at the point of registration in order for GA to issue updates to the Learner Record Service.

### **2.4 ID Requirements**

It is the responsibility of the centre to have systems in place to confirm each learner's identity.

Learners are required to declare that all work submitted for assessment is their own work.

### **2.5 Record Keeping**

Records of learner's details, their work and any records of Reasonable Adjustments, Special Considerations and records containing learners' personal details must be kept by the centre in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 (including GDPR and all relevant privacy regulations) for a minimum of 2 years.

The centre must operate a safe and effective system of care, with appropriate policies and procedures in place to maintain confidentiality related to staff and learners.

All records must be easily retrievable and made available to GA or the Regulator upon request.

Portfolios must be retained until the following External Quality Assurance visit to allow them to be sampled. Following external moderation and the award of a qualification by GA, centres may return portfolios to learners.

Records of all internal quality assurance and moderation activity undertaken must be kept and made available to GA upon request.

## Section 3 – Centre Requirements, Assessment and Quality Assurance Arrangements

Course providers offering GA TEFL qualifications under *Model 1: Centre-assessed model* must ensure that they have the following resources in place.

### **3.1 Staff**

The knowledge and experience of all staff involved in the teaching, assessment and internal quality assurance of the qualification will be considered during the approval and re-approval process and at External Quality Assurance Visits.

The course provider must ensure that they hold up-to-date and detailed information about the staff involved with the delivery and quality assurance of the qualification and must make records available to Gatehouse Awards upon request. The information Gatehouse Awards expects the course provider to hold for each member of staff includes, as a minimum:

- current up to date CV
- copies of relevant qualification certificates
- relevant and up to date CPD (Continuous Professional Development) records

The course provider must also ensure that they have the management and administrative arrangements in place which are suitable to support the registration of candidates and the qualification delivery.

### **Requirements for Tutors and Assessors**

Teaching staff (or 'Tutors') include those who deliver teaching and learning content for the qualification and are responsible for ensuring learners are prepared for formal assessment.

Assessment staff ('Assessors') are responsible for assessing a learner's knowledge, understanding and skills and ensuring that the evidence submitted by the learner meets the requirements of the qualification.

The Tutor and Assessor may be different members of staff or the same individual.

All Tutors and Assessors must:

- hold a minimum Level 5 teaching qualification in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, or a recognised equivalent (e.g. Level 5 TESOL, Level 5 DipTESOL, CELTA or higher)

- have a minimum of 3 years' experience of working in Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- demonstrate suitable subject knowledge of any TEFL specialisms they are teaching and/or assessing (e.g. teaching young learners, teaching Business English, teaching online)
- demonstrate ongoing continuing professional development (CPD) activities relevant to Teaching English as a Foreign Language.

In addition to the above, GA also recommends that Assessors also hold, or be working towards, a recognised assessor qualification or their recognised equivalent, e.g.,

- o Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment or Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally-Related Achievement
- o Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement
- o A1 Assess Candidate Performance Using a Range of Methods
- o D32 Assess Candidate Performance and D33 Assess Candidate Using Differing Sources of Evidence

### **Requirements for Internal Moderators (also referred to as an Internal Quality Assurers or IQAs)**

This qualification is assessed by an Assessor and internally moderated and quality assured by an Internal Quality Assurer (IQA). The IQA's responsibility is to ensure standardisation, reliability, validity and sufficiency of the Assessor's assessment decisions.

Assessors may have one or several appointed IQAs. Staff may undertake more than one role within the centre, e.g., Teacher, Assessor and Internal Moderator. However, members of staff must NOT IQA their own assessment decisions.

All IQAs must:

- hold a minimum Level 5 teaching qualification in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, or a recognised equivalent (e.g. Level 5 TESOL, Level 5 DipTESOL, CELTA or higher)
- have a minimum of 4 years' experience of working in Teaching English as a Foreign Language

- demonstrate suitable subject knowledge of any TEFL specialisms they are teaching and/or assessing (e.g. teaching young learners, teaching Business English, teaching online)
- demonstrate ongoing continuing professional development (CPD) activities relevant to Teaching English as a Foreign Language

AND

- have a thorough understanding of best practice in quality assurance and assessment, as well as sufficient technical understanding related to the qualifications that they are internally quality assuring.

In addition to the above, GA also recommends that IQAs also hold, or be working towards, a recognised Internal Quality Assurance qualification or a recognised equivalent e.g.,

- Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- V1 Conduct Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process
- D34 Internally Verify the Assessment Process

The knowledge and experience of Teachers, Assessors and Internal Moderators will be considered during the centre and qualification approval process and at External Quality Assurance Visits.

### **External Moderation (also referred to as External Quality Assurance or EQA)**

Assessment and internal moderation and quality assurance activities are subject to external moderation and wider scrutiny and centre controls as per GA's quality assurance arrangements for centre-assessed qualifications.

### **3.2 Assessment of Learners and Portfolio Requirements (Centre-Assessed Model)**

The centre must ensure that Assessors meet the requirements listed in Section 3.1 above in order to make assessment decisions leading to the award of the TEFL qualification.

Learners are assessed on the evidence contained within their portfolio. Evidence must clearly demonstrate where the learner has met the learning outcomes and qualification requirements.

A range of assessment methods may be used in the production of evidence towards knowledge-based assessment criteria, for example:

- essays/assignments
- short questions and answers
- workbooks
- professional discussions
- observations of performance in the workplace
- product evidence
- reflective accounts
- witness testimony
- records of questioning

Evidence in the portfolio should be mapped against the learning outcomes, reflect the type of evidence supplied and indicate its location within the portfolio. By using portfolio reference numbers, it will enable the learner, assessor, IQA and EQA to quickly locate the evidence submitted.

All evidence must meet CRAVES requirements.

### **3.3 Designating Assessment Tasks for Use**

Prior to use, the assessment materials devised by the centre must be mapped to the qualification content, standards and any stipulated requirements. Samples of centre-devised assessment materials must be provided as part of the centre's Application for Qualification Approval.

Externally-devised assessment materials are available for an additional fee. Centre should contact their dedicated Centre Administrator for details.

### **3.4 Resubmissions**

GA recommends that the centre operates a policy of allowing learners to resubmit assessed work a maximum of two times. However, the acceptance and management of resubmissions of assessed work is at the discretion of the centre.

The decision regarding whether to permit a learner to resubmit work and/or attempt an assessment again will be based on an evaluation of how closely their previous attempts met the passing criteria. This evaluation will consider the extent to which the learner's work demonstrated progress towards meeting the required standards.

Resubmitted work will be assessed with the same rigour and adherence to standards as the initial submission.

If a learner does not pass after the second attempt at submitting work for assessment, the centre must consider the following course of action:

- Additional support – consider whether the learner could benefit from additional support, remedial guidance, or additional resources to help them understand the material better. This could involve providing extra teaching sessions, study materials, or one-on-one tutoring to address specific areas of difficulty. Sometimes, extending deadlines or providing additional time can alleviate pressure and allow for better comprehension and performance.
- Review and feedback - consider whether sufficient detailed feedback, which highlights areas that need improvement and provides specific guidance on how the learner can enhance their work, has been provided after each attempt.
- Alternative assessment methods - consider whether an alternative assessment method, such as the use of professional discussion, may provide opportunities for the learner to demonstrate their understanding. The centre should refer to the GA Candidate Access Policy for further information.
- Reconsideration of participation - assess whether the learner might need to take a break from the programme or whether, despite supportive measures and multiple attempts, the learner's progress is not indicative that they will meet the qualification requirements. They may be issued with a final 'Fail' grade or withdraw from the programme.

The centre must ensure that their policies and procedures regarding learner dismissal or failure are communicated clearly to learners to maintain fairness and transparency.

### **3.5 Unit and Portfolio Sign Off**

Upon completion, each unit must be signed off by the Assessor and IQA to confirm the learner's achievement.

The content of the portfolio that contains all units the learner has achieved is subject to final portfolio sign off by the Assessor and IQA to confirm that the specific qualification requirements and rules of combination have been met.

The learner is also required to sign an authenticity declaration, stating that the work contained in their portfolio is their own.

### 3.6 CRAVES Requirements

Assessors must ensure that all evidence within the learner's portfolio judged to meet GA's 'CRAVES' requirements is:

- **current:** the work is relevant at the time of the assessment
- **reliable:** the work is consistent with that produced by other learners
- **authentic:** the work is the learner's own work
- **valid:** the work is relevant and appropriate to the subject being assessed and is at the required level
- **evaluated:** where the learner has not been assessed as competent, the deficiencies have been clearly and accurately identified via feedback to the learner
- **sufficient:** the work covers the expected learning outcomes and any range statements as specified in the criteria or requirements in the assessment strategy.

### 3.7 Internal Moderation and Quality Assurance Arrangements

Internal Moderators (also known as Internal Quality Assurers or IQAs) ensure that Assessors are assessing to the same standards, i.e. consistently and reliably, and that assessment decisions are correct. IQA activities will include:

- ensuring Assessors are suitably experienced and qualified in line with the qualification requirements
- sampling assessments and assessment decisions
- ensuring that assessment decisions meet the GA 'CRAVES' requirements (Current, Reliable, Authentic, Valid, Evaluated and Sufficient)
- conducting standardisation and moderation of assessment decisions
- providing Assessors with clear and constructive feedback
- supporting Assessors and providing training and development where appropriate
- ensuring any stimulus or materials used for the purposes of assessment are fit for purpose.

Sampling of assessment will be planned and carried out in line with a clear IQA and moderation strategy, which incorporates the number of learners, number of Assessors, and the experience and competency of Assessors.

Centre IQAs may wish to refer to the guidance documents provided by GA to approved centres (available on the Ark) in order to formulate an appropriate Sampling Strategy.

### 3.8 External Moderation and Quality Assurance Arrangements

All GA Approved Centres are entitled to two EQA visits per year. Additional visits can be requested, for which there may be an additional charge.

EQA activities will focus on the centre's continuing adherence to and maintenance of the GA *Centre Approval Criteria* and the criteria and requirements for the specific qualifications for which it holds approval. These include:

- checking that the management of the centre and the management arrangements relating to the qualification are sufficient
- checking that resources to support the delivery of the qualifications, including physical resources and staffing, are in place and sufficient
- ensuring that the centre has appropriate policies and procedures in place relevant to the organisation and to the delivery and quality assurance of the qualifications
- the use of assessment materials and the arrangements in place to ensure that evidence for assessment is 'CRAVES' (Current, Reliable, Authentic, Valid, Evaluated and Sufficient)
- sampling assessment decisions against the qualification requirements across the range of levels, number of Assessors and assessment sites, according to the number of learners
- the internal moderation and quality assurance arrangements
- sampling internal moderation records against the qualification requirements across the range of levels, number of Assessors and assessment sites, according to the number of learners
- administrative arrangements
- ensuring that any actions from moderation and wider quality assurance activity have been carried out by the centre
- confirming any claims for RPL, reasonable adjustments or special considerations

Through discussions with centre staff, examining learner's work, moderation of assessment, talking to learners and reviewing documentation and systems, the GA EQA will provide the centre with full support, advice and guidance as necessary.

Where **Model 2: Externally-assessed model (online)** is undertaken, the assessment and moderation service is provided directly by GA. Adherence to the wider centre approval criteria must be demonstrated by the centre, even when delivery is via the externally-assessed model.

### 3.9 Venue and Equipment Requirements

When training premises are used in the delivery of teaching and assessment of these qualifications, centres should, wherever possible, provide suitable access in line with Disability Discrimination, Diversity & Equality law and regulations and any other regulations which apply.

Centres must ensure that all products and equipment used in the delivery and assessment of this qualification must be authorised by GA and confirmed as fit for purpose and compliant with current Health and Safety legislation and any other relevant regulations. This will be considered at approval and during the on-going monitoring of centres.

Where specific products and equipment are required for the delivery and assessment of a GA qualification, the suitability of the products and equipment at the centre will be considered during the centre and qualification approval process and at External Quality Assurance Visits.

### **3.10 Teaching and Learning Resources**

Centres delivering the qualifications as their own classroom-based or blended course delivery must ensure that their teaching and learning resources are high quality, relevant and up-to-date, in order to allow learners to adequately prepare for assessment.

All delivery and assessment resources should be inclusive of the principles of equality and diversity and the safeguarding of learners.

### **3.11 Useful Resources**

- Ofqual: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual)
- Swan, M. (2005). Practical English Usage. Oxford: OUP.
- Murphy, R. (2004). English Grammar in Use. Cambridge: CUP

GA provides additional resources for these qualifications on the relevant qualification page of the website: [www.gatehouseawards.org](http://www.gatehouseawards.org)

Any references to books, journals, websites or other third-party materials and publications made in this Qualification Specification are made in good faith only and Gatehouse Awards does not accept responsibility for the content of such materials or any opinions expressed within them.

### **3.12 Results**

Centres may make claims for certification via the Ark when learners complete and the Assessor and Internal Moderator have confirmed achievement. Such claims for certification are subject to successful external moderation (EQA). Following the External Moderator's confirmation of a learner's achievement, GA will authorise claims for the certification of learners, details of which will be visible to the centre in the centre's Ark account. Certificates are usually issued within 10 working days of the award of the qualification.

Where GA provides external assessment and moderation following the learner's completion of the GA-issued online TEFL programme, GA will issue results and certificates without the need for the centre to provide further evidence or records.

### **3.13 Certificates**

The qualification certificate will indicate both the title and the level at which the qualification is achieved.

Certificates will only be issued to learners who have achieved sufficient credits and met the rules of combination for the qualification they are registered for. If a learner has not achieved sufficient credits or failed to meet the rules of combination, the qualification certificate will not be issued.

Replacement certificates are available upon request.

Amendments to certificates are available upon request but may require the centre to provide evidence of the need for any amendment (e.g. learner proof of identification) and will involve the return of the original certificate. Replacements and amendments may incur an additional charge.

### **3.14 Direct Claims Status (DCS)**

Direct Claim Status is not available for these qualifications.

### **3.15 Appeals and Enquiries**

GA has an appeals procedure in accordance with the arrangements for regulated qualifications.

General enquiries can be made at any time and should be directed to a GA Centre Administrator.

### **3.16 Ongoing Support**

There are a number of documents on the GA website that centres and learners may find useful: [www.gatehouseawards.org](http://www.gatehouseawards.org)

The website is updated regularly with news, information about all GA qualifications, sample materials, updates on regulations and other important notices.

Within the centre, a named Examinations Officer is responsible for ensuring that all information and documents provided to centre staff and learners are correct and up to date.

GA must be kept up to date with contact details of all changes of personnel so centres can be provided with the best level of support and guidance.

At the time of approval, centres are assigned a designated Centre Administrator who is their primary point of contact for all aspects of service or support.

Learners should always speak to a member of staff at the centre for information relating to GA and our qualifications prior to approaching GA directly.

Contact details for GA can be found on the GA website [www.gatehouseawards.org](http://www.gatehouseawards.org).

## Section 4 – The GA TEFL Syllabus

### 4.1 Unit 1: Lesson Planning in Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Unit Title		Unit Number
Lesson Planning in Teaching English as a Foreign Language		F/615/0610
Learning Outcome – The learner will:		Assessment criteria – The learner can:
1	Understand the purpose and importance of lesson planning	1.1 Explain the purpose of lesson planning
		1.2 Explain the importance of lesson planning
2	Understand the appropriate content and structure of lesson plans	2.1 Outline the structure of an effective lesson plan
		2.2 Explain the importance of aims and objectives in a lesson plan
		2.3 Outline the stages of a lesson and the purpose of each
3	Understand characteristics of learners and classes which may affect lesson planning	3.1 Explain differences in learner ability and the impact on lesson planning
		3.2 Explain differences in the ages of learners and the impact on lesson planning
		3.3 Explain differences in the learners' backgrounds and the impact on lesson planning
		3.4 Explain the differences in class size and the impact on lesson planning
		3.5 Explain differences in learning styles and the impact on lesson planning

		3.6	Explain differences in first language of learners and the impact on lesson planning
4	Understand the purpose and value of different teaching methodologies and techniques	4.1	<p>Outline strengths and weaknesses of different EFL teaching methodologies e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audio-Lingual Method</li> <li>• Direct Method</li> <li>• Communicative Approach</li> <li>• Natural Approach</li> <li>• Total Physical Response</li> <li>• Grammar Translation Method</li> <li>• Community Language Learning</li> <li>• The Silent Way</li> </ul>
		4.2	Explain how to match teaching methodology to the needs of learners
		4.3	<p>Outline strengths and weaknesses of different EFL teaching techniques e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Practice, Production (PPP)</li> <li>• Task-Based Learning</li> <li>• Text-Based Learning</li> <li>• Guided Discovery</li> <li>• Test, Teach, Test</li> </ul>
		4.4	Explain how to match teaching technique to the needs of learners
5	Understand the purpose and value of different modes of interaction	5.1	<p>Outline strengths and weaknesses of different modes of interaction used in an EFL classroom e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher-to-learner teaching</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learner-to-learner teaching</li> <li>• Pair work</li> <li>• Group work etc.</li> </ul>
		5.2	Explain how to match modes of interaction to the needs of learners
6	Be able to produce lesson plans appropriate to the needs of learners	6.1	Produce lesson plans appropriate to the situation and class
		6.2	Explain elements of the lesson plan produced and justify why they are appropriate

Unit Title		Lesson Planning in Teaching English as a Foreign Language					Unit Number	F/615/0610
Level	3	Credit Value	5	Study Time	50	GLH	0	
Unit Aim		To provide candidates with the knowledge, skills and understanding to plan effective and engaging lessons and produce lesson plans appropriate to the needs of learners when teaching English as a foreign language.						
Specified Evidence and/or Assessment Requirements		<p>Assessment Criteria 6.1 should be met by producing a written/typed lesson plan in the context of a given teaching and learning scenario.</p> <p>Assessment Criteria 6.2 should be met by taking into account the work produced in 6.1. The assessment method is not prescribed.</p>						

## 4.2 Unit 2: Lesson Content in Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Unit Title		Unit Number
Lesson Content in Teaching English as a Foreign Language		R/615/0613
Learning Outcome – The learner will:		Assessment criteria – The learner can:
1	Understand the appropriate use of resources, materials and aids	1.1 Identify examples of resources, materials and aids used during an EFL lesson
		1.2 Describe appropriate use of a range of resources, materials and aids during an EFL lesson
		1.3 Explain the use of realia in the context of an EFL lesson
2	Understand the adaption of resources and materials for teaching different skills	2.1 Explain the adaption of resources and materials for teaching different skills
3	Understand the use of computer-assisted language learning (CALL)	3.1 Describe the use of computer-assisted language learning (CALL) in an EFL classroom
		3.2 Identify the strengths and weaknesses of computer aided language learning
4	Be able to match resources, materials and aids to the needs of learners	4.1 Select appropriate resources, materials and aids for a group of learners
		4.2 Justify the use of selected resources, materials and aids for a group of learners
5	Understand English grammatical structures, syntax and punctuation	5.1 Identify the different tenses
		5.2 Describe how different tenses are formed
		5.3 Describe elements of syntax and different sentence structures

		5.4	Outline the use of standard punctuation
		5.5	Identify different word classes
		5.6	Explain the use of different word classes
6	Understand how to present grammatical structures to learners	6.1	Identify grammatical structures typically expected of learners at different levels
		6.2	Describe methods of presenting grammatical structures at different levels
		6.3	Outline strengths and weaknesses of different approaches to teaching grammar
		6.4	Outline how to adapt own language to meet the needs of learners
7	Understand basic phonetics as they relate to teaching English as a foreign language	7.1	Identify common phonemes and their categories
		7.2	Outline how phonemes are formed and grouped, and relate to common vocabulary
		7.3	Explain the use and importance of phonetics when teaching EFL
		7.4	Outline how stress, rhythm, intonation, and pronunciation contribute to spoken skills development
8	Understand the teaching of productive and receptive English skills	8.1	Outline the similarities and differences of teaching productive and receptive skills
		8.2	Outline the stages of lessons for different skills
		8.3	Explain the different stages of listening skills development
		8.4	Explain the different stages of reading skills development

		8.5	Describe different methods for teaching receptive skills
		8.6	Explain the different stages of written skills development
		8.7	Explain the different stages of spoken skills development
		8.8	Describe different methods for teaching productive skills
9	Understand appropriate teaching and learning activities for teaching different skills	9.1	Identify different types of classroom activities used in English language teaching
		9.2	Describe appropriate activities to develop receptive skills at different levels
		9.3	Describe appropriate activities to develop productive skills at different levels
		9.4	Explain how to match activities to the needs of learners
		9.5	Describe the adaptation of activities and resources to the needs of learners

Unit Title		Lesson Content in Teaching English as a Foreign Language				Unit Number	R/615/0613
Level	3	Credit Value	5	Study Time	50	GLH	0
Unit Aim		To provide Candidates with the knowledge and understanding of the content of effective and engaging lessons and how to match the content to meet the needs of learners when teaching English as a foreign language.					
Specified Evidence and/or Assessment Requirements		None.					

### 4.3 Unit 3: Lesson Delivery in Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Unit Title		Unit Number
Lesson Delivery in Teaching English as a Foreign Language		H/615/0616
Learning Outcome – The learner will:		Assessment criteria – The learner can:
1	Understand the teaching environment	1.1 Outline environmental factors which affect learners' language acquisition
		1.2 Explain how to optimise the teaching environment to meet the needs of learners
		1.3 Outline features of engaging and effective wall displays in an EFL classroom
		1.4 Describe the contribution wall displays make to learners' language acquisition
2	Understand classroom management	2.1 Explain the importance of good classroom management
		2.2 Outline examples of good classroom management
		2.3 Outline common classroom management problems and solutions
3	Understand appropriate behaviour when teaching EFL	3.1 Describe professional conduct when teaching EFL
		3.2 Explain the appropriate ratio of student talking time to teacher talking time
4	Understand elicitation of language and concept checking	4.1 Outline the purpose and importance of elicitation of language
		4.2 Describe methods of elicitation of language

		4.3	Outline the purpose and importance of concept checking questions
		4.4	Describe how to use concept checking questions effectively
5	Understand error correction and providing feedback to learners	5.1	Identify different types of errors
		5.2	Identify the possible causes of errors
		5.3	Explain different methods of providing feedback and error correction to learners
		5.4	Match appropriate methods of providing feedback and error correction to different types of error
6	Understand the assessment and testing of learners	6.1	Identify common assessment tools in EFL
		6.2	Match common assessment tools to their appropriate learner profile
7	Understand giving instructions to learners	7.1	Explain the importance of giving effective instructions to learners
		7.2	Outline effective use of language when giving instructions to learners
		7.3	Outline good practice when giving instructions to learners

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Level	3	Credit Value	5	Study Time	50	GLH	0	
Unit Aim		To provide candidates with the knowledge and understanding of the delivery of effective and engaging lessons and how to match the delivery to meet the needs of learners when teaching English as a foreign language.						
Specified Evidence and/or Assessment Requirements		None.						

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