

### **1. 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 pre-interview task and in the interview, if you are offered one. Recently awarded English language qualifications like IELTS and TOEFL will also be considered. We accept a minimum score of 7 in each of the four skills of the IELTS Academic exam.

*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://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common\\_European\\_Framework\\_of\\_Reference\\_for\\_Languages](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_European_Framework_of_Reference_for_Languages)

### **2. 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 pre-interview task and in the interview, if you are offered one.

### **3. I am a native speaker of English. Do I still need to do the pre-interview task and go through the interview?**

Yes. Being a native English speaker doesn't make you 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. Our pre-interview task helps us to see whether you can instinctively analyse grammar, i.e. whether you have a "feeling" for language so you can help students with their problems. This gives us a good idea of your skills and qualities and, therefore, of how you will respond to only four weeks of training - whether it will be enough to bring you up to pass standard and allow us to award you the Certificate. Learning the grammar really takes place when you teach it, because you have to research it when planning a language lesson. We also include some input sessions on the course to help you develop this area.

### **4. What if my application is unsuccessful?**

If your application is unsuccessful, you will be notified by email. We will briefly 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.

### **5. If my application is unsuccessful, can I reapply?**

Yes, of course. 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.

**6. Do I need to attend everyday?**

Yes. 100% attendance is a course requirement from Cambridge and it is very difficult to change any parts of the schedule.

**7. Do you offer discounts or instalments?**

No, we don't. There are no special rates or discounts, although instalments may soon be possible.

**8. Do you offer accommodation?**

No. But sometimes British Council teachers have a spare room available to rent. We can assist you by sending an email to all our teachers to see if they have any rooms available at the time of your course. If you are coming from outside Egypt we can also suggest places to look for accommodation during the course.

**9. Can I get a job at the British Council once I finish the CELTA course?**

Maybe. Most British Councils require you to have two years full time experience after finishing the CELTA. Because of its size, the British Council Egypt can offer a training and development programme for newly qualified teachers, giving you high quality mentoring and support for your teaching while you develop and consolidate the skills required to take on the full duties of a teacher. On successful completion of the Programme, you will move up to a full-time contract equivalent to other standard British Council teachers, with additional support if needed, for a further 12 months. The contract as a whole is for two years. For the training scheme you must have a Cambridge CELTA or Trinity Cert. TESOL and either a **UK or Egyptian passport**. You must be highly proficient in the use of English (CEFR C2). Local law stipulates you must be under 60 years of age to qualify for a visa. Places on the training programme are advertised on <https://jobs.britishcouncil.org/welcome.aspx>. Look for 'Opportunities for Newly Qualified Teachers'. Places on the training programme are limited.

**10. What if I got accepted on a course and paid the deposit (8000 LE) then something came up and I could not do it?**

As mentioned on the website, the deposit is non-refundable. You would be transferred to the next course on which there are available places as long as you notify the training team at least two weeks before the course starts. After this time you would need to reapply and pay again.

**11. I got accepted onto a course in another approved CELTA centre. Do I still need to go through the application process?**

Yes. You would still need to complete the application form and pre-interview task and get through the interview stage. CELTA courses are designed by individual centres, based on specifications produced by Cambridge ESOL. Each centre is responsible for ensuring candidates they accept onto their courses meet Cambridge requirements.