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## **Cambridge DELTA** (Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages)

### **What is DELTA?**

The Delta course is an in-service training course for teachers who have substantial experience of teaching English to speakers of other languages, and are ready to progress in their career. This internationally recognized qualification helps you to:

- deepen your understanding of the principles and practice of teaching English to adults.
- examine your current practices and beliefs.
- apply the results of your learning and reflection to your current teaching position and more senior roles.

### **Who is DELTA for?**

Applicants may be graduates, or in possession of an initial teaching qualification, and are considering Delta as a route to further career progression. The qualification is ideal for those who wish to extend their professional experience and accept new responsibilities as it not only demonstrates a commitment to the profession, but is also proof of ability.

Teachers may be looking for an opportunity to increase their understanding of the principles and practice of English language teaching to help improve their overall performance in the classroom. As part of this process, Delta courses encourage them to analyse their existing practices and beliefs. They also help them to apply the results of their learning and reflection both to their current professional life and to contexts beyond their present and previous teaching experience.

### **What does DELTA involve?**

The course features a balance of theory and practice to enhance the understanding of the English language, while examining in depth the principles of effective teaching and the practical skills required for teaching English to adult learners.

#### ***The course includes:***

- teaching practice
- observation of experienced teachers in the classroom
- completion of a range of practically focused written assignments
- an extended assignment
- a written examination

#### ***There are six main units of learning:***

- Understanding, knowledge and awareness of language
- The background to teaching and learning English at adult level
- Resources and materials
- Working in the classroom
- Evaluation, monitoring and assessment
- Professional development

As part of your course you should expect 120 contact hours with fellow candidates and course tutors and 10 hours of teaching adults. Four of these lessons are supervised and assessed by a course tutor and one is externally assessed. In addition, you have 10 hours of directed observation of lessons, with five of these being live lessons taught by experienced teachers. You spend around 300 hours on reading, research and assignment writing.

There are three components of assessment:

***Please note that we are offering Modules One and Two only – the two modules can be taken separately or together. Module Three may be taken by distance following completion of the first two modules.***

**1. MODULE 1 - Written examination**

The written examination is externally set and marked by Cambridge.

**2. MODULE 2 - Coursework**

There are seven coursework assignments. Six of these are internally assessed; the seventh is externally assessed. In addition, there is overall external moderation of your coursework by Cambridge.

**3. MODULE 3 - Extended assignment**

The extended assignment is a case study of a learner/s. It is supervised by the centre and externally marked.

To be awarded the Diploma, you must pass all three components. There are four possible grades — Pass, Merit, Distinction and Fail.

The input sessions will take the form of lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops, group activities and discussions but will usually be a combination of these formats. In addition to these contact hours, you will need to set aside about 300 hours for reading research and assignment writing if you are planning to do the two modules.

**Who recognises DELTA?**

Delta is accepted throughout the world by organisations which employ English language teachers. It is accredited in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) as a Diploma in Teaching ESOL at level 7 on the National Qualifications Framework. Delta is also integrated into some MA programmes (details are available of the Cambridge ESOL website [www.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org) ). Cambridge works with international ELT organisations to ensure the acceptance of Delta globally.

**Entry Requirements**

The Delta Course is intended for experienced teachers wishing to extend their professional experience and accept new responsibilities, as it not only demonstrates a commitment to the profession, but is also proof of ability. It is open to people from all language backgrounds. All participants must have a competence in English, both written and spoken, that enables them to follow the course and complete all assessed and non-assessed elements successfully.

Ideally applicants should:

- have at least two years' full time (1,200 hours) experience of teaching English to adults within the past five years.
- have a range of teaching experience in different contexts and at different levels.
- have an initial teaching qualification.
- have a standard of English which will enable you to teach at a range of levels.

We may still accept applicants if they do not strictly meet all of these requirements but can demonstrate that they would be likely to complete the course successfully.

### **Application**

To apply, please complete the application form and send it to [rosabel.azzopardi@ielsmalta.com](mailto:rosabel.azzopardi@ielsmalta.com). Once we have received your application, we will assess whether you should proceed to the next stage of the application process: the application interview.

We will then ask you to complete a task to help us ascertain your current knowledge and perception of English and ELT. You will then meet with a trainer/s to discuss the task and you may be asked to explain how you might teach selected language items. This interview may be conducted in a group. Interviews will start being held in January 2026.

**What are the dates and how is the course organised?**

### **Module One**

**Course Mode:** Face-to-face

**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 (2 weeks intensive)

The written examination will be held at IELS Malta at the beginning of June. It is also possible to arrange to take the examination at a different Cambridge approved Delta centre in other countries.

### **Module Two**

**Course Mode:** Face-to-face

**Dates:** 9<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (6 weeks intensive 9am to 5pm approx.)

This will be held at our centre in Sliema, on Mattew Pulis Street. It includes live teaching practice.

### **How much does it cost?**

The course fees are as follows:

Module 1: €450 (not including €183 Cambridge Examination Fee)

Module 2: €2400 (including Cambridge Fee)

**Not included:** Tutor supervision and Entry fee for Module 3

### **Accommodation**

If course participants require accommodation assistance, the school can help with arrangements.

**The course may be cancelled if a minimum number of trainees is not reached. Should a course be cancelled, you will receive a full refund.**