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London Tests of English Accredited by QCA

The London Tests of English (LTE) have been accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), the official body that regulates the quality of qualifications in England.

The tests, which have been mapped to the levels of the British National Qualifications Framework, are theme-based English language assessments for speakers of other languages. Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking skills are tested at all levels. They are accepted for entrance to universities in the UK and by a variety of international companies. Tests can be taken in more than 30 countries around the world.

The QCA has accredited the tests under the category "ESOL* International Qualifications". This is a new category as QCA has not had previously accredited English language exams specifically for international use.

Glyn Jones, LTE Product Manager, said: "Edexcel and Pearson have a long pedigree of providing quality testing to students around the world. QCA accreditation is a valuable and richly deserved endorsement of our English language tests".

All aspects of the tests have been inspected by QCA - the specifications, assessment methods, operations and awarding - and QCA has determined that they meet the rigorous standards of quality required of public qualifications in England.

London Tests of English are awarded by Edexcel and administered through Pearson Language Assessments (PLA). They will continue to be known as the "London Tests of English" but certificates will also have the formal name of the tests, "Edexcel Certificates in ESOL International", as required by QCA from November.

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