

## **ESOL courses September 2007 -IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If you want to get on an ESOL course you must phone your nearest centre or college to find out how to apply.

ESOL Courses are very popular so you may have to go on a waiting list.

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

**ESOL classes are free if you (or your spouse) are on any of the following benefits:**

Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)

Council Tax Benefit

Housing Benefit

Income Support

Working Tax Credit (and earning less than £15,050)

Pension Credits (Guarantee Credit only)

**Or if you are the unwaged dependant of any of the above**

**Or if you are a Community Offender**

**Or if you are 16 - 18**

You will need to bring your documents to show what benefits you get.

**If you are employed, your nearest college will be able to tell you how much the classes cost**

If you are not on benefits and you don't work,

**or**

if you earn less than £15,050 a year, your local college may be able to help you with the fees.

Please bring any documents you can to show this:

e.g. Payslips, P60s, other tax forms

**If you want to apply for benefits:**

- Go to your local Jobcentre Plus Office

To apply for a National Insurance Number phone 0845 600 0643 or go to your local Jobcentre Plus Office.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – eligibility for College courses

Contact the college for further details

Some of our courses are 'Full Cost' which means you pay all the costs.

The rest of our courses are subsidised by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) - you may have to pay some fees or the course may be free. There is information in our prospectus about which courses are free.

The table below shows the main groups of people who may be eligible for LSC funded courses. There are other groups not listed. If you are not sure check with the college.

<u>Eligibility for LSC funded courses:</u>	<u>Examples of Evidence</u>
British citizens	UK or Northern Ireland Passports Certificate of Naturalisation Registration as a British Citizen
Settled in the UK for 3 years (or their spouse or civil partner who has been resident in the UK for 1 year)	Passports stamped to show they have <i>Right of Abode in the UK</i> or <i>Indefinite Leave to enter or remain</i> Home Office letter
Have refugee status from UK government (or their spouse or civil partner or child) See Note 1	Home Office document
EU National or EEA migrant worker who has been resident in the EEA for 3 years (or their spouse or civil partner or child) See Note 2	EU Passport

### Notes

1. This includes anyone refused refugee status but who has been granted leave to stay by the Secretary of State, granted Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave, or was granted exceptional leave to enter or remain by the UK Government, and who has remained ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands since so recognised, (or the spouse or civil partner or child of such a person).

Asylum Seekers who are still waiting for their application to be processed after 6 months, will be eligible for LSC funded courses.

2. EEA here, covers the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway.