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# DCAS ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES



NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND



*Study English in Ireland*



# WELCOME TO DCAS

Welcome to Dublin College of Advanced Studies (DCAS), a premier English language school in the heart of Dublin city dedicated to providing high-quality language education and teacher training. As the Director of Studies, I am thrilled to welcome you to our vibrant learning community.



Here, our primary focus is on language acquisition, exam preparation, and teacher training. Whether you are a student looking to improve your English language skills for academic, professional, or personal reasons, or an aspiring English language teacher seeking internationally recognised qualifications, we have the programs and resources to help you succeed.

Our experienced and dedicated faculty members are committed to delivering engaging and effective instruction that caters to the diverse needs of our students. Through interactive lessons, real-world language practice, and personalised feedback, we strive to create an immersive learning experience that facilitates rapid progress and confidence-building.



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In addition to our language courses and teacher training programs, DCAS offers a supportive and inclusive environment where students can connect with peers from around the world. Our small class sizes and collaborative learning approach ensure that every student receives the attention and support they need to reach their full potential.

Thank you for considering Dublin College of Advanced Studies for your language learning and teacher training needs. We look forward to welcoming you to our school and helping you achieve your goals in English language proficiency and education.

**David Kirwan,**  
*Director of Studies*

# TO EMPOWER PEOPLE THROUGH LANGUAGE EDUCATION.

DCAS Mission

## Our Vision

To provide innovative learner-centred courses in an engaging environment whilst remaining true to our core values.

PASSIONATE ABOUT LEARNING | RESPECTFUL | FUN-LOVING  
SUPPORTIVE | COOPERATIVE | TRANSPARENT



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# General English

## English Language Levels:

From Beginner (CEFR level A1) to Intermediate (CEFR level B1)



## Course Start Dates / Intakes:

Every Monday  
(except when Monday is a Public Holiday)



## Study Period options:

Morning | 09:00am to 01:00pm  
(Monday to Thursday, 4 days/week classes)

Afternoon | 01:45pm to 05:00pm  
(Monday to Friday, 5 days/week classes)

## Course Duration:

From 2 to 25\* weeks of classes

\*The 25-week programme is also available on the 8-month Study Visa for non-EEA/EU students in Ireland, including 2 months of Study Break.



## Programme Highlights

Develop fluency and confidence with real-world use of English. You will practice your reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in integrated tasks. This mirrors how you actually use English in everyday situations, be it academic discussions or social interactions.

Our General English course equips you with practical communication skills that are immediately applicable in real-life contexts. Whether you're aiming for higher education or seeking employment, these transferable skills will give you a significant edge.

Using a modern approach to learning, our contemporary teaching methods like Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) promotes the development of critical thinking skills.

# General English

## Minimum Age:

Adult students only (18+ years old)

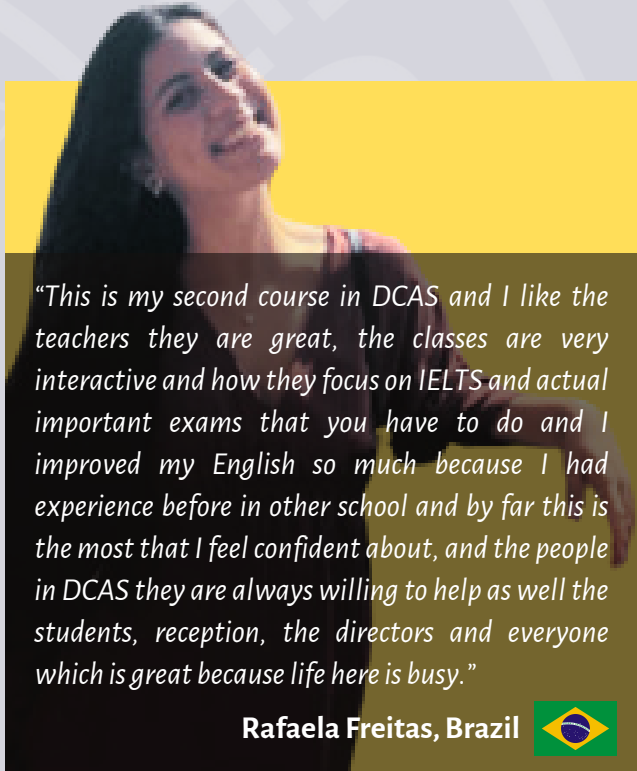
## Class Size:

Maximum 15 students per class (average 11-12)

## Course Intensity options:

Standard | 15 hours per week  
(Morning or Afternoon study period)

Intensive | 30 hours per week  
(Morning and Afternoon study periods)



*"This is my second course in DCAS and I like the teachers they are great, the classes are very interactive and how they focus on IELTS and actual important exams that you have to do and I improved my English so much because I had experience before in other school and by far this is the most that I feel confident about, and the people in DCAS they are always willing to help as well the students, reception, the directors and everyone which is great because life here is busy."*

**Rafaela Freitas, Brazil**



## Our Approach to Learning

At DCAS, we place our learners at the heart of the learning process. We recognise that each student is a unique individual who brings their own knowledge, experience and ideas to the classroom, and we take this into account when designing our courses and lessons.

We believe that to learn effectively, students need to actively interact with the object of their learning, in this case, the English language. We also understand that the activities and tasks provided in class need to be engaging and relevant to students' lives. As educators, it is our job to create an engaging environment that provides the opportunities and guidance that students need to achieve their learning goals.

## Awarding Body & Qualification/Certification:

Trinity College London | ISE (Integrated Skills in English)  
ACELS | TIE (Test of Interactive English)



**\*Study Visa approved (ILEP) course options**



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Interim List of  
Eligible Programmes

# Exam Preparation

## English Language Levels:

From Upper-Intermediate (CEFR level B2) to Advanced (CEFR level C1)



## Course Start Dates / Intakes:

Every Monday  
(except when Monday is a Public Holiday)



## Study Period options:

Morning | 09:00am to 01:00pm  
(Monday to Thursday, 4 days/week classes)

Afternoon | 01:45pm to 05:00pm  
(Monday to Friday, 5 days/week classes)

## Course Duration:

From 2 to 25\* weeks of classes

\*The 25-week programme is also available on the 8-month Study Visa for non-EEA/EU students in Ireland, including 2 months of Study Break.



## Programme Highlights

Become familiarised with the chosen examination format and be able to demonstrate that you recognise the task-specific aims of each examination section; that you can differentiate between the different task-specific aims of each examination section; and can apply that knowledge under real examination conditions and time restraints.

Understand successful examination strategies, including self-study strategies, and be ready to apply these strategies in an examination environment. Expand your use and knowledge of relevant vocabulary, especially the vocabulary of the academic corpus.

Prepare to take IELTS, TIE, ISE, and other English language examinations with DCAS.



# Exam Preparation

## Minimum Age:

Adult students only (18+ years old)

## Class Size:

Maximum 15 students per class (average 11-12)

## Course Intensity options:

Standard | 15 hours per week  
(Morning or Afternoon study period)

Intensive | 30 hours per week  
(Morning and Afternoon study periods)



*"I am currently at A2 level so I feel comfortable with the class and the students, they are nice and I met the people from another country and they are super friendly too, the teachers are also very friendly so everything is fantastic."*

Sam, Malaysia



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## Awarding Body & Qualification/Certification:

IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

Trinity College London | ISE (Integrated Skills in English)

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# TESOL Teacher Training

## English Language Levels:

From Advanced (CEFR level C1) to Proficient (CEFR level C2)



## Study Period options:

Morning | 09:00am to 01:00pm  
(Monday to Thursday, 4 days/week classes)

Afternoon | 01:45pm to 05:00pm  
(Monday to Friday, 5 days/week classes)

## Course Duration:

From 4 to 25\* weeks of classes

\*The 25-week programme combines TESOL with Advanced English classes, also available on the 8-month Study Visa for non-EEA/EU students in Ireland, including 2 months of Study Break.



## Course Start Dates / Intakes:

Check our TESOL webpage for up to date calendar in the QR code and link below.



<https://www.dcas.ie/trinity-tesol>

## Programme Highlights

The Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL) is an internationally recognised certification for individuals with limited or no prior teaching experience in English. It is also suitable for experienced individuals seeking a recognised TESOL qualification.

Whether you are a recent graduate aspiring to begin a teaching career, planning to teach English overseas during a gap year, or someone seeking a complete career transition, our CertTESOL will equip you with the necessary skills, knowledge, confidence, and practical experience to thrive as an effective English language teacher.

# TESOL Teacher Training

## Minimum Age:

Adult students only (18+ years old)

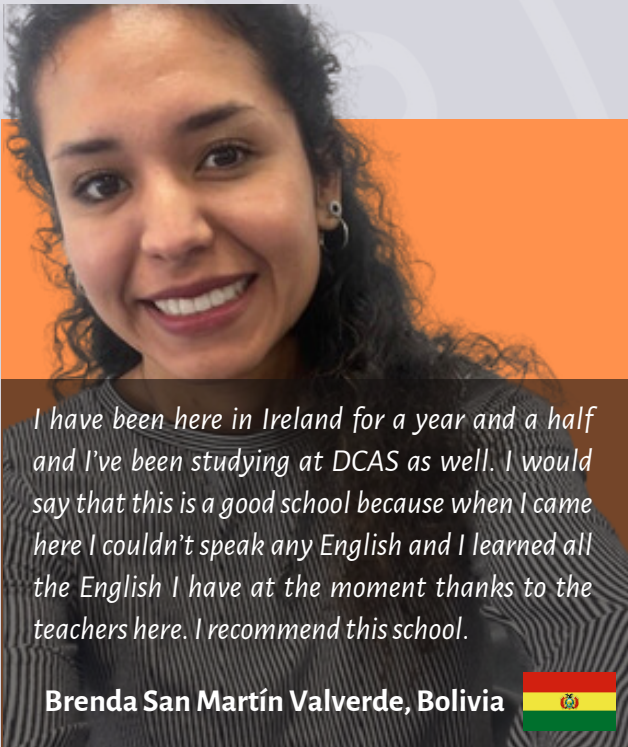
## Class Size:

Maximum 12 students per class (average 9)

## Course Intensity options:

Standard | 15 hours per week  
(Morning or Afternoon study period)

Intensive | 30 hours per week  
(Morning and Afternoon study periods)



## Why get the Trinity CertTESOL?

- Obtaining the Trinity CertTESOL not only qualifies you to teach internationally but also equips you to teach in English language schools recognised by QQI in Ireland.
- Get the confidence that stems from enhanced knowledge and practical teaching experience before entering the classroom for the first time, and acquire the foundation to become a proficient face-to-face and online English language teacher (ELT).
- The Trinity CertTESOL is renowned for its academic integrity and quality, and it is also slightly more affordable. Each CertTESOL course offered by DCAS is assessed by an evaluator from Trinity College London to ensure that our courses meet the expected standards of quality and academic rigor.

## Awarding Body & Qualification/Certification:

Trinity College London | Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL)



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# Academic Year | Study & Work

## English Language Levels:

From Beginner (CEFR level A1) to  
Advanced (CEFR level C1)



## Course Start Dates / Intakes:

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(except when Monday is a Public Holiday)



## Study Period options:

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(Monday to Thursday, 4 days/week classes)

Afternoon | 01:45pm to 05:00pm  
(Monday to Friday, 5 days/week classes)

## Course Duration:

From 2 to 25\* weeks of classes

\*The 25-week programme is also available on the 8-month Study Visa for non-EEA/EU students in Ireland, including 2 months of Study Break.



## Programme Highlights

We offer a range of courses for international students looking for a Study & Work Programme experience in Ireland, which is very popular with non-EEA/EU students enrolled on Study Visa approved academic year courses.

Develop fluency and confidence with real-world use of English. You will practice your reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in integrated tasks. This mirrors how you actually use English in everyday situations, be it academic discussions or social interactions.

From General English to Exam Preparation courses, DCAS uses a modern approach to learning, and our contemporary teaching methods like Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) promotes the development of critical thinking skills.

# Academic Year | Study & Work

## Minimum Age:

Adult students only (18+ years old)

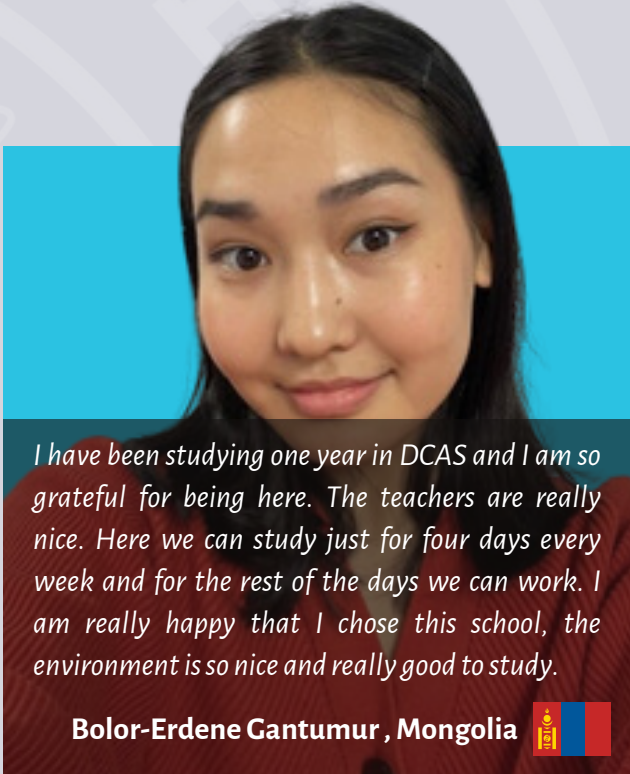
## Class Size:

Maximum 15 students per class (average 11-12)

## Course Intensity options:

Standard | 15 hours per week  
(Morning or Afternoon study period)

Intensive | 30 hours per week  
(Morning and Afternoon study periods)



*I have been studying one year in DCAS and I am so grateful for being here. The teachers are really nice. Here we can study just for four days every week and for the rest of the days we can work. I am really happy that I chose this school, the environment is so nice and really good to study.*

**Bolor-Erdene Gantumur , Mongolia**



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Eligible Programmes

# Erasmus+ Courses

Organisation ID Number: E10069534  
Participant Identification Code: 919613642

## English Language Levels:

From Beginner (CEFR level A1) to  
Advanced (CEFR level C1)



## Course options:

### Teacher Training

- CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning)
- Methodology and Language Development
- Language Education Management

### Erasmus+ Priorities courses

- Inclusion and Diversity
- Digital Transformation
- Environment and fight against climate change
- Active Citizenship & Civic Engagement

### General English & Irish Culture

## Course Duration:

From 1 to 2 weeks of classes



## Course Start Dates / Intakes:

Check online here our  
Academic Calendar



## Programme Details

Develop fluency and confidence with real-world use of English while experiencing a cultural immersion through our General English & Irish Culture programme. You will practice your reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in integrated tasks.

Our Teacher Training course options focus on providing relevant knowledge and skills to be used in class, so you can thrive as an effective English language teacher.

The Erasmus+ Priorities courses cover important topics selected by the EU to be presented and discussed in class.



Erasmus+

# One to One Tuition

## English Language Levels:

From Beginner (CEFR level A1) to Proficiency (CEFR level C2)

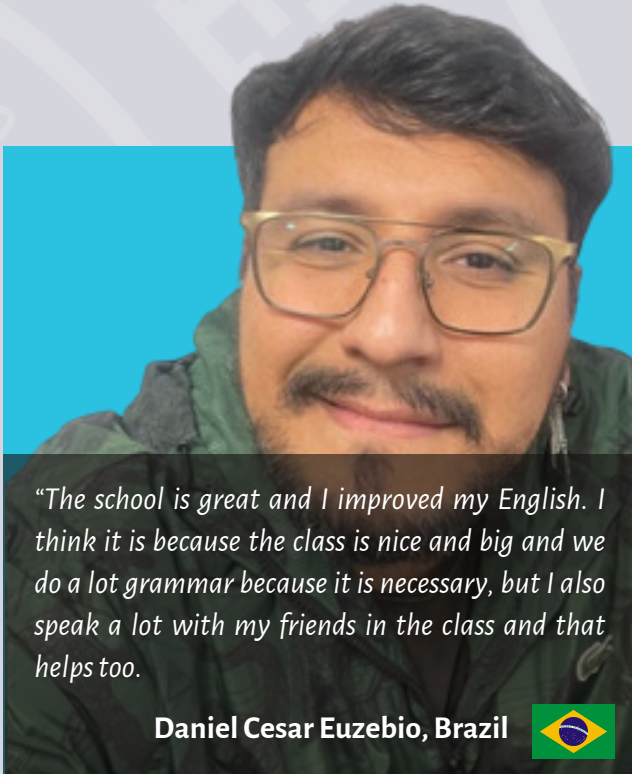


## Minimum Age:

There is no minimum age for our one-to-one tuition.

## Course Duration:

Flexible, according to student's needs.



*"The school is great and I improved my English. I think it is because the class is nice and big and we do a lot grammar because it is necessary, but I also speak a lot with my friends in the class and that helps too."*

Daniel Cesar Euzebio, Brazil



## Tailored Individual English Classes

Customise your classes to meet your English learning goals. Study one-to-one with our highly qualified teachers online. Create your own schedule and centre your learning around your own needs and interests.

One-to-one English classes with DCAS are perfect for students who:

- Desire a bespoke, personalised approach to learning English. Study the topics that you need to succeed in your career or advance in your studies.
- Need to prepare for an English language test such as the Test of Interactive English (TIE) or IELTS on their own schedule.

## Course Start Dates / Intakes:

One-to-one tuition starts on demand, all year round.



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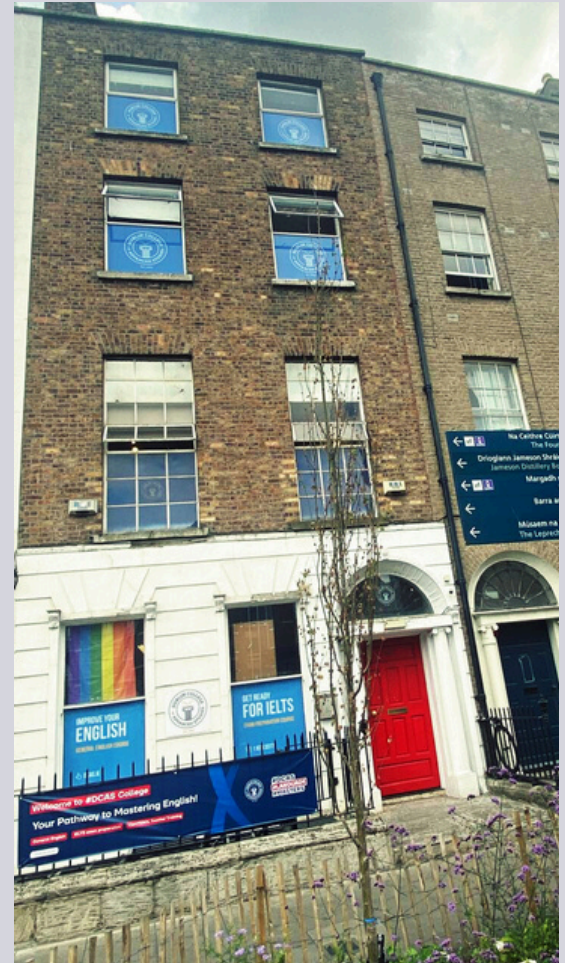
STUDY PROGRAMMES

# Our Campus & Nationality Mix

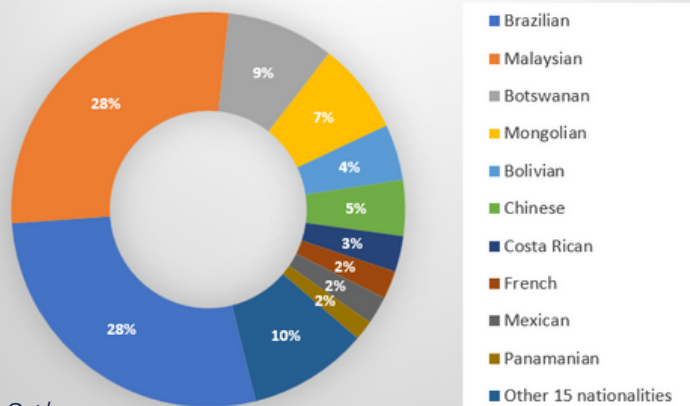
Established in 2007, Dublin College of Advanced Studies (DCAS) is an accredited English language school located in the heart of Dublin City Centre.

## Central Location in Dublin

Our campus is within a 10 minutes' walk of The Spire on O'Connell Street and is easily accessible by public transport. The exceptionally central location of the school gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich fabric of social and cultural life that can be found in Ireland's capital.



## DCAS Nationality Mix



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## Dublin College of Advanced Studies

98 Capel Street, Dublin 1,  
D01 HP52



# Social & Cultural Activities

DCAS organises cultural visits, social events and extra life-skills lessons on a regular basis. A programme focused on recreational activities is scheduled monthly, contingent on the levels of student interest.

A monthly Social & Cultural Activities calendar is available at the school's website: <https://www.dcas.ie/socialculturalactivities>.

Students can also add the DCAS Interactive Calendar with all the events using a QR code , adding it to their personal calendar.

Interactive  
Calendar



OUR SCHOOL

# Teaching Methodology

## Communicative Language Teaching

At DCAS, we use a method called Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) to help you develop strong English skills for real-life situations. Here's what that means for you:

- **Learning by Doing:** In CLT classes, you won't just memorise grammar rules. You'll practice using English in conversations, role-plays, group projects, and activities that simulate everyday situations. Imagine ordering food at a restaurant, interviewing for a job, or discussing your favourite movie – all in English!
- **Focus on Communication:** We believe the best way to learn a language is to use it! In CLT classes, you'll be encouraged to speak English from the beginning, even if you make mistakes. That's part of the learning process! Your teachers will provide support and guidance to help you improve your fluency and accuracy over time.
- **Making it Relevant:** Our CLT lessons connect English to your interests and experiences in Ireland. You'll discuss current events, local culture, and topics relevant to your age group. This way, learning English feels both meaningful and enjoyable.



# Teaching Methodology

- **Developing All Skills:** With CLT, you'll strengthen all four key language skills – speaking, listening, reading, and writing. These skills are integrated into activities, so you'll learn them naturally as you communicate in English.
- **Building Confidence:** The CLT approach fosters a positive and encouraging learning environment. You'll be empowered to take risks, participate actively, and gain the confidence to communicate effectively in English.

**By combining real-world communication with engaging activities, DCAS teaching methodology makes learning English an interactive and successful journey for our students!**



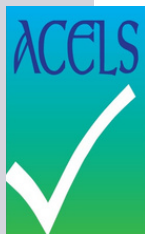
Moreover, **we place our learners, and their language learning needs and desires at the centre of the learning process.** In the classroom, we strive to give them the knowledge and skills needed to interact through English in the world outside. Our teachers are qualified experienced professionals who are committed to the learning process. Indeed, they purposefully engage in a cycle of continuous professional development with a view to staying up to date with best practice and making their lessons the best that they can be.

*"The school's educational philosophy and pedagogical approach is the product of a meaningful rationale from the Academic Management team resulting in well-designed syllabi and supporting documentation clearly aligned to the CEFR."*

**Eaquals Inspection of DCAS (Aug/24)**



# Accreditation & Awarding Bodies



## ACELS (a service of QQI for English Language Education)

ACELS (The Accreditation and Co-ordination of English Language Services) was established in 1969 under the auspices of the Irish Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to control standards in English Language Teaching schools and organisations through an inspection/recognition scheme.

**DCAS is recognised by ACELS, a service of Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), for English Language Education (ELE).**

## Eaquals (Evaluation and Accreditation of Quality Language Services)

Eaquals has been accrediting and enhancing quality language education since its foundation in 1991. Only language teaching institutions that fully comply with the demanding Eaquals Quality Standards can be accredited and display the Accredited Members' logo. Accreditation is only awarded after a comprehensive and rigorous quality assurance process, including an on-site inspection, repeated every four years.

**DCAS is an Eaquals Accredited Member.**



## Trinity College London



Trinity College London, established in 1872, is a leading international awarding organisation, publisher and independent education charity. Trinity specialises in the assessment of communicative and performance skills covering music, drama, combined arts and English language.

**DCAS is a Registered Exam Centre for Trinity College London, preparing students for ISE and CertTESOL qualifications.**

# Accreditation & Awarding Bodies



Interim List of  
Eligible Programmes

## ILEP (Interim List of Eligible Programmes)

ILEP is a List of Eligible Programmes for Student Immigration Permission in Ireland, administered by the Department of Justice and Equality, with the Department of Education and Skills having an advisory role.

**DCAS is approved by ILEP (Provider no: 0166)**



Registration Centre

## IELTS

The International English Language Test (IELTS) is designed to help you work, study or migrate to a country where English is the native language. This includes countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, Ireland and USA. IELTS is jointly owned by the British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia and Cambridge Assessment English.

**DCAS offers IELTS Preparation courses and the school can register students for the IELTS exam in Dublin.**

## ELT Ireland

ELT Ireland is a network for professionals involved in all aspects of English Language Teaching that promotes learning, development and best practice through the sharing of knowledge and experiences.

**DCAS is an ELT Ireland member organisation.**



## Erasmus+



Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

**DCAS is registered with Erasmus+**

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