

Dr. TEFL's SHOULD BE ASKED QUESTIONS



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EBC International TEFL Certificate
Questions you should ask when you are
choosing a course
Trinity CertTESOL in Madrid Spain

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Important questions you should ask about a TEFL course

Introduction

EBC's list of Should Be Asked Questions (SAQs) is complementary to the usual list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that most organisations have.

EBC has been training English teachers since 2002 so our training staff know the answers to almost all of the common questions that you will ask us. As EBC is an expert in TEFL training, our staff also know the questions that you should ask, but you are not aware of. For some training organisations, the questions that should be asked can prove to be nightmare questions and will certainly sort out the "wheat from the chaff" as the old rural saying goes.

Before showing you the list there is something important that you should know about the generally accepted guidelines for any TESOL/TEFL course in the world as laid out by the British Council (BC).

The BC (as its name implies) is a British government overseen organisation that specialises in international educational and cultural opportunities. The BC has a standard set of requirements for recruiting teachers for its accredited schools. Language schools around the world use BC standards when hiring new teachers.

The BC requirements state that a prospective teacher must have a certificate from a course that:

1. is externally validated by a reputable examination body (a recognised examination board or university)
2. contains at least six hours supervised teaching practice
3. contains at least 100 hours of ELT/TESOL input

The list of SAQs starts on the next page. EBC's answers are shown under each one so that you can compare our answers to any other school that you are also considering.

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Should Be Asked Questions - SAQs

SAQ 1 – Who externally moderates and accredits your course?

EBC is externally moderated and accredited by The Trinity College, a “gold standard” accreditation examination board that’s been around for 150 years.

SAQ 2 – Who externally moderates and accredits your accreditor?

EBC's accreditor, Trinity College, awards certificates according to Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) standards QCF level 5.

- The QCA is a British Government organisation
- The QCA oversees the National Awarding Bodies (examination boards)

An independent external moderator visits every EBC CertTESOL course to ensure quality control. This is why the Trinity CertTESOL course is one of the world's two most highly-valued and internationally accepted certificates.

SAQ 3 – Is your accrediting organisation public domain?

EBC's accreditor, Trinity College, is a public domain organisation.

SAQ 4 – How many hours of supervised teaching practice are there?

The Trinity CertTESOL has 8 hours. The British Council minimum is 6 hours.

You will teach to non-native English speakers. You will teach to all learner levels from beginner through to advanced. Your classes will be observed and properly arranged by level.

SAQ 5 – How many hours in the course?

The EBC course has 200 hours. The British Council minimum is 100 hours.



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SAQ 6 – How recognised and accepted is your certificate?

The Trinity CertTESOL meets British Council requirements and is automatically accepted by it. The British Council is one of the most respected language organisations in the world. Most schools use the British Council's standards when hiring teachers, so the Trinity CertTESOL is one of the most recognised and accepted certificates in existence.

SAQ 7 – Who designed your course?

The EBC course was designed by EBC's teachers and verified by Trinity College London. Our trainers have, on average, 15 years teaching experience. Our trainers also give external lectures on teacher training, organise UNICEF English summer camps and have written TEFL text books and audio material. These people know their subject and even more importantly, they know how to teach it effectively. Our level 5 course was also reviewed and approved by our accreditor, Trinity College.

SAQ 8 – How do you deal with different English styles?

EBC's course is accent tolerant. What does this mean? Unlike some other courses that focus on British English, EBC has no accent preference.

EBC's attitude to accents is common-sense and very practical. There are lots of different accents. As long as the speaker can be understood, the accent doesn't matter. What does matter is the correct use of English so EBC trainers don't mind what type of English you use as long as it is used correctly and consistently, e.g. if American English is used then all vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation etc. must be consistent within the rules of American English.



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SAQ 9 – To whom will I teach my practice classes?

At EBC, your students are English language learners. They are local residents that have a keen interest in learning English. The non-English speaking students that attend our classes are warm, friendly people that truly appreciate the effort you make. You'll probably end up making some local friends as well, as our non-English speaking students treat their classes as both an educational and a social event. EBC strives to give something back to our community through education.

It is vitally important that you get to teach non-English speakers so that your practice classes are as true-to-life as possible.

SAQ 10 – Does your certificate give me university credits?

There is no international standard credit transfer system so you should ask the institution where you want to study how many credits they will give you. The Trinity CertTESOL can qualify for up to 60 university credits.

SAQ 11 – How does your job placement programme work?

- EBC does not show you how to apply for jobs.
- EBC applies for jobs for you!

We can show you how to apply for jobs if you like, but why bother with all the hassle when EBC will do it for you.

The EBC job placement assistance programme is about as pro-active as you can get. EBC prepares you for job interviews and then make sure that your CV/ resume gets to the desk of the Directors of Studies in hundreds of language schools.



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Job interview preparation: Part of the course includes two seminars that are specially designed to help you pass TESOL TEFL job interviews and prepare you for what to expect when you start teaching.

CV/resume distribution: On the last day of the course, EBC sends your professionally formatted CV/resume to the best language schools in your course location along with an official, **PERSONALISED** letter of introduction from EBC stating that you are now an EBC graduate.

Job offers: You will receive phone calls or emails from language schools asking you to come in for interviews which should result in job offers. The language schools will contact you, you don't have to go looking for work.

Our job support doesn't end at the end of the course. EBC's job support is world-wide and lifetime.

SAQ 12 – Have any of your graduates ever failed to get a job?

In EBC's case – NO.

SAQ 13 – What are your pre-course travel support services?

EBC will provide you with support if you need it. If you need help with: what to bring, where to live, flights etc. just let us know and our staff will go that extra mile to help you out.

EBC will give you all facts you'll need about your chosen course location. Many of our course locations also come with accommodation, airport pick up, free cell phones during the course and other items that are all rolled up into one convenient and discounted package. Check into these before you decide to go it alone.

Whatever you decide to do, you'll have to choose what is best for you, but be safe knowing that if you need advice, all you have to do is contact EBC.



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EBC also has some great course and accommodation packages available.

SAQ 14 – Are there any hidden extra costs associated with the course?

In EBC's case – NO.

SAQ 15 – What happens if I have to reschedule/cancel after I've paid?

At EBC, it depends when you cancel. If you cancel you won't get a refund but you WILL be allowed to move your place to a future course. If you are uncertain about the future date, you can put your place on permanent hold until you decide when you want to attend.

EBC does NOT have a use it or lose it policy.

SAQ 16 – Does your course meet a national curriculum/syllabus standard?

The Trinity CertTESOL is accredited as being at QCF level 5

The Trinity CertP is accredited as being at QCF level 6

QCF is short for Qualifications and Credit Framework, a structure designed by the QCA to meet the following needs:

"The Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) sets out the levels against which a qualification can be recognised. It helps learners make informed decisions about the qualifications they want to pursue, by comparing the levels of different qualifications and identifying different progression routes. The accreditation of qualifications makes sure they are of a high quality and that they meet the needs of learners and employers."

We know that you'll find these questions useful and I am sure that they will help you during your course selection process.

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On behalf of EBC, good luck with your course selection and we hope to see you soon on one of our courses.

CONTACT US TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS

To request a call-back from one of our student advisers, just email us, give us your phone number or Skype id and we will call you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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YOUR NEXT STEP

- If you have not applied, [sign up for an EBC course for free by filling out an application on our web site.](#)



READY TO START?

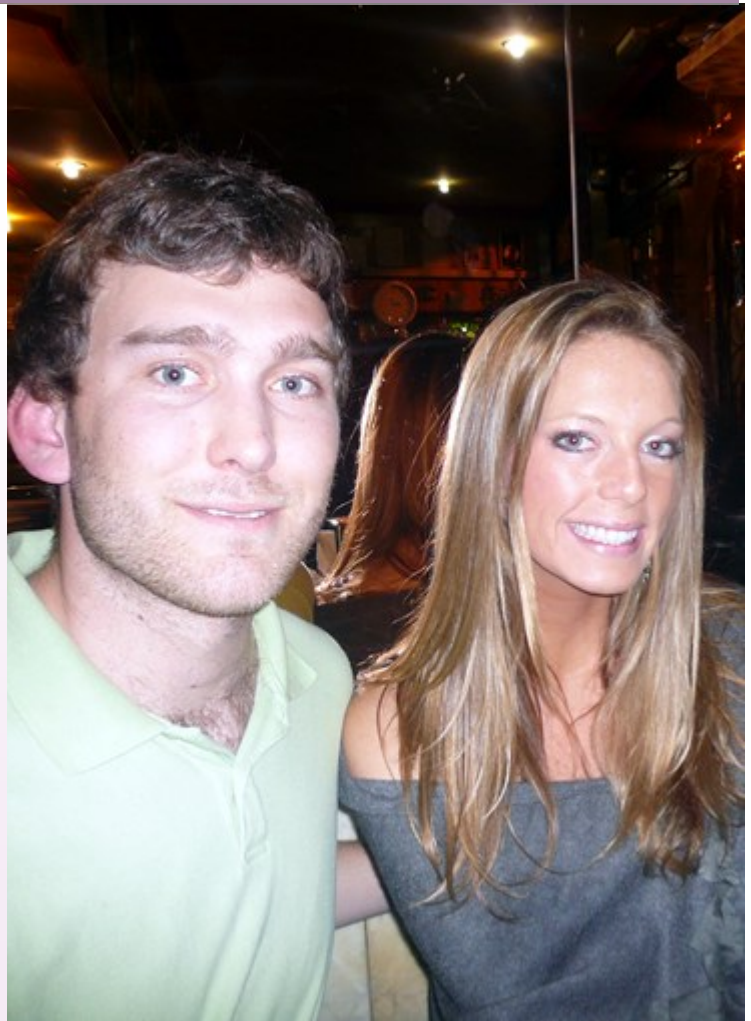
EBC's mission is to ensure that you achieve your teaching goals and get you started on a successful EFL career. We focus on quality training and getting you a job in the shortest time possible, usually within a week or less.

The **four week, intensive EBC International TEFL Certificate course** is a practical and thorough course designed for candidates with no previous experience teaching English. It is also suitable for candidates with some experience but no formal training in the TEFL TESOL field.

The **EBC live-streaming TEFL course** offers weekly tutorial and feedback sessions live with your trainer and even better, 6 hours of observed teaching practice given to real English language learners.

The **6-week, EBC live-streaming CertPT course** offers level 6 skills/ based training for practicing teachers.

EBC is an accredited centre of Trinity College and awards TEFL certificates that are internationally recognised.



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