

Summary of Changes to Cert IBET Handbook 2011-2012

Handbook

1. The 2011-2012 Cert IBET handbook will be valid for a period of two years (previously one year) and will come into effect on 1st January 2011.

Course Entry Requirements

2. The course entry requirements will be adjusted to position the qualification on a par with the Trinity TESOL Certificate. Candidates will still be required to hold a Certificate level entry qualification or equivalent but the mandatory requirement to have up to one year's teaching experience and business English teaching experience will be dropped. This change will allow the course to be marketed as a bolt on to any initial teacher training courses for the certificate.
3. In order to recognise the different paths that teachers take into the industry, a candidate can be accepted onto a Cert IBET course without them holding a Certificate Entry Level qualification as long as they have a minimum of three years full-time teaching experience (15hrs per week x 32 weeks per year).

Core Modules

4. The module that was previously presented as an optional module will now become a mandatory component of the programme. As a result, the previous specification of 40 hours of core content that is extended to 50 hours to include 10 hours of optional content has been replaced by 50 hours of core content derived from the 11 modules. Centres will still have flexibility in how they allocate the 50 hours between the 11 modules though.

Assignments

5. All of the assignments have been reviewed and modified. One of the three assignments has been replaced with a new question and a fourth assignment has been added to provide a wider choice of options.

Course Validation

6. In an effort to cut bureaucracy, some of the more burdensome requirements placed on course providers have been streamlined and in places omitted.
7. The remote trainer category has been replaced with a standard terminology and fee that applies for all course providers.

Fees

8. There will be a change to the collection of the annual course provider validation fee. Fees will be collected annually on 1st January for each centre for a period of twelve months. Most current subscriptions will expire during the year at which point a pro-rata payment will be levied by English UK to last until 31st December 2011. English UK will contact each provider to discuss to help to implement this change.

9. The Cert IBET registration fee for candidates will be increased from £120 to £125. Fees are normally increased from 1st January but the rise will be delayed until 1st April 2011 to allow a suitable transition period.
10. The price differential between English UK and non-English UK centres for the annual validation fee for course providers will be eliminated and most centres will see their course validation fees (initial and annual) reduced.