

**LCCI**

International  
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**English Language  
Skills Assessment**

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## ELSA

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In the modern business environment, English language ability is regarded as more of a crucial key skill than simply another foreign language. The demand for accurate assessments of English language ability was the catalyst for the development of English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA), a single scale testing solution.

ELSA was originally produced in paper based format, to cover all four language competencies of Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. The Reading and Listening tests use a sophisticated scoring system, which has enabled the duration of the test to be reduced to 30 and 45 minutes respectively.

Due to the increasing popularity of the assessments, ELSA has been successfully transferred onto an online platform, increasing the tests versatility and delivering instant results.

### ELSA has many appealing features and benefits:

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- A single scale scoring system **covering all levels of abilities**
  - Aligned to the Council of Europe Framework **(CEF) (A1-C2)**
  - Covers all **4 skills competencies**
  - **Versatile** - choose any combination of the tests
  - **Accurate** - Reading and Listening tests use a sophisticated scoring system
  - **Online** and **paper based** formats
  - **Recognised** by employers and universities worldwide
  - **Instant results** (Online format)
  - **On Demand** availability
  - Online registration
  - Practice tests
  - Certificates upon completion
  - **British** and **American** versions
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## FELSA

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Foundation English Language Skills Assessment (FELSA) is a diagnostic tool to test and evaluate English language ability in Listening, Reading and Speaking for candidates with the equivalent level of proficiency to A1-A2 on the CEF. The FELSA results provide positive learning outcomes for candidates at this level of English, describing what they can do in communicating in English.

The tasks in each test use everyday social and work place contexts and are designed to be suitable for people of any age or background. Each FELSA test has special features that make it attractive to the user, in either paper based or online format.

- Short (maximum 30 questions)
- Simple, straightforward instructions
- Use of pictures, symbols and repetition to help people with limited English
- Large font size to assist with reading

FELSA tests are designed for an international audience. The situations in the tests will be international, rather than based only in the UK.

FELSA tests are available for Listening, Reading and Speaking. Each test is available as a stand alone diagnostic test, or any combination of the three tests can be used for a wider assessment.

The tests are available on demand and may be administered in any location where examination conditions can be provided - school, college, other training location or place of work.

ELSA is also recognised by universities as satisfying English language requirements for enrolment onto degree programmes, and as a mandatory component in unemployment re-training schemes in Germany and Poland.

A complete list of organisations, which recognise LCCI IQs, can be found on our website [www.lcci.org.uk](http://www.lcci.org.uk).

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## About LCCI International Qualifications from EDI

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LCCI International Qualifications are offered through a growing network of over 5,000 centres, supported by extensive learning resources and easy online administration. The qualifications are taken in over 100 countries and each year over 250,000 are awarded across the globe.

LCCI International Qualifications have been awarded since 1887 and are recognised by employers, governments and universities worldwide. In 2003, the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board merged with Goal assessments, a pioneer in online testing, forming EDI.

EDI has now become one of the UK's leading awarding bodies, accredited by the British government. We also work closely with Ministries of Education around the world.

## About EDI

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EDI is an accredited Awarding Body and leading international education services company.

Services include:

- accredited vocational qualifications for Training Providers, Colleges of Further Education and employers
- international qualifications in over 80 countries around the world
- online assessment services for schools, providing evidence of class, year group and whole school performance
- administration and assessment solutions for awarding bodies and companies

Through its two key brands of EDI and London Chamber of Commerce and Industry International Qualifications (LCCI IQ), EDI is recognised and valued by students, governments, universities, schools and employers around the world.

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## The Benefits of English Language Skills Assessments

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### Flexible

FELSA and ELSA tests are available on demand in either paper based or online format.

### Accurate

FELSA and ELSA have been comprehensively piloted during the development stage and the learning outcomes can be accurately aligned to the to the Council of Europe Framework (CEF).

### Versatile

Candidates can take one, two, three or four of the individual language skill tests: Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. For example, if an employee is predominantly communicating in English with international colleagues on the telephone then they can take the FELSA or ELSA Listening or Speaking tests. Employees who are required to read training manuals or professional texts in English will derive more benefit from the Reading and Writing tests.

### Recognised

FELSA and ELSA tests are used by companies for recruitment purposes and as the final assessment for language training programmes. These assessments provide a goal for students and assess the effectiveness of language training.

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