

TESSOL (Teaching English in Schools to Speakers of Other Languages) Tuition Fees Scholarship

TESSOL scholarship study options at Massey University

Option 1: Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as an Additional Language (GradCert TEAL) (60 credits).

The Grad Cert TEAL is Massey University's core offering for New Zealand school teachers wanting to upskill and learn more about how to best support English Language Learners in their schools.

The TESSOL scholarship funds the course tuition fees and student levy fees for these **four 15-credit courses** over two years:

- 257.375 *Learning English as Another Language*
- 172.233 *Language Learning Processes*, OR 172.239 *Language and Culture*
- 219.304 *Intercultural Communication*, OR 254.337 *Teaching and Learning with Pasifika Peoples in New Zealand*
- 257.370 *Teaching Learners of English as Another Language*

For further information about the qualification, please see the link below:

- [Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as an Additional Language](#)

Option 2: Postgraduate Certificate of Applied Linguistics (60 credits), Postgraduate Diploma of Applied Linguistics (120 credits), or the Master of Applied Linguistics (TESOL) (180 credits).

Massey University's postgraduate offerings are for New Zealand school teachers with a background and/or relevant qualification in English language teaching wanting to deepen their TESOL-specific knowledge and skills to support English Language Learners in their schools.

The TESSOL scholarship funds the course tuition fees and student levy fee for these **two 30-credit courses** which are part of all the post graduate study options:

- 272.705 *Advanced TESOL for diverse learners and contexts*
- 272.703 *Contemporary Approaches to Language Teaching Methodology*, OR 272.704 *Contextualising Curriculum and Materials Design*

You are expected to study these two courses over two years part-time.

For further information about the qualifications, please see the links below:

- [Postgraduate Certificate of Applied Linguistics](#);
- [Postgraduate Diploma of Applied Linguistics](#);
- [Master of Applied Linguistics \(TESOL\)](#)

TESSOL Scholarship application process

- 1. Discuss your application with your principal or centre director.** If your application is successful, your school or early learning services will need to agree to:
 - provide a **minimum of one teacher release day per 15 credits** of TESSOL scholarship funded study to enable you to attend workshops or undertake intensive study
 - give you the opportunity to share your learning with colleagues
 - contact the Ministry if you move jobs or withdraw from your study.
- 2. Gather the following information for your application:**
 - school or early learning service number
 - the number of students enrolled
 - the number of staff with TESSOL qualifications
 - the number of ESOL-funded students
 - the number of ESOL-funded students from a migrant and former refugee background
 - the number of ESOL-funded students from a Pacific background
 - the number of international fee-paying students.
- 3. Complete the supplementary information form** (available on the Ministry website). This form has a section for the senior leadership team to complete and it needs to be signed by the principal.
- 4. Complete the online application**, available via the Ministry website.

If you are successful, you and your principal will be asked to complete and sign a TESSOL Scholarship acceptance letter.

Enrolling at Massey University

If you accept the scholarship you will need to enrol for the programme through <http://enrol.massey.ac.nz/>. You may also need to submit verified official full transcripts and certificates as well as a short CV to the University to support your enrolment.

You must apply for your programme by **5 February 2026**. If you have any difficulties enrolling or for information on important dates, please call the Massey Contact Centre: 0800 627 739.

Further information here [2026 Programme Admission date](#)

TESSOL Scholarship payment details

1. Send confirmation of your university enrollment to the Ministry of Education info.ESOL@education.govt.nz. The confirmation needs to include the course code and fees. Suitable documentation includes:
 - enrolment confirmation notification
 - statement of fees/statement of account
 - copy of the University's invoice
2. The Ministry will make the first scholarship payment in February 2026. **The payment will be made to the school or early learning service where you are employed.**
3. You are responsible for tracking the University invoice and passing it to your school or early learning service for payment. The school or early learning service will pay the TESSOL scholarship contribution. Any additional fees are your responsibility.
4. When you have completed the first course, enroll in the next course and send confirmation of course enrolment to info.ESOL@education.govt.nz to activate the next payment.