



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

TESSOL scholarship study options at University of Auckland

Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma in Teaching Linguistically Diverse Learners (PGCert/Dip TLDL) at the University of Auckland, Faculty of Arts and Education/Te Pūtahi Mātauranga.

This postgraduate qualification will enhance your skills for teaching English language learners from diverse language backgrounds. The TESSOL scholarship funds the course tuition fees and student levy fee for these **two 30-credit courses**:

1. EDPROF 705 Language Learning Needs
2. EDPROF 722 Language Focused Curriculum

Course details for the University of Auckland

Teachers can graduate with a Postgraduate Certificate in TLDL on completion of the two core (funded) courses or continue and complete a further two 30-point elective courses to graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma in TLDL. Please note that the scholarship only covers the two core courses and does not cover the electives. Successful applicants currently need to complete the two core (funded) courses within two years for the Certificate.

From 2026, students will have the option of taking one course each semester (EDPROF 705 in Semester 1 and EDPROF 722 in Semester 2), allowing the opportunity to complete the Certificate within a single year. However, they may decide to take two years to complete the Certificate.

Applicants have up to four years to complete the core and elective courses for the Diploma. They may do one or more courses per year.

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

- [Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Linguistically Diverse Learners \(PGCert TLDL\)](#)
- [Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching Linguistically Diverse Learners \(PGDip TLDL\)](#)

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 two teacher release days per 30 credits** of TESSOL scholarship funded study to enable you to attend full day classes or to 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 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 Auckland University

If your scholarship application is successful, you will need to work with the University to:

1. apply for admission to the programme
2. after your admission is approved, enrol in the courses you wish to study.

Delivery of core courses in 2026

In 2026, you may, if you choose to, take one course each semester (EDPROF 705 in Semester 1 and EDPROF 722 in Semester 2). Each course will include two full face-to-face days as well as hybrid sessions, alongside additional fully online learning. Below is a breakdown of when face to face and hybrid sessions will be scheduled.

Semester 1 – EDPROF 705

- **Full face-to-face days (City Campus)**
 - Wednesday 25 February, 10.00am–4.00pm
 - Friday 22 May, 10.00am–4.00pm
- **Hybrid sessions (Thursdays, 4.30–6.30pm, City Campus/online)**
 - 2 April
 - 30 April

- 14 May
- **Additional fully online learning** (completed flexibly in your own time)

Semester 2 – EDPROF 722

- **Full face-to-face days (City Campus)**
 - Thursday 23 July, 10.00am–4.00pm
 - Thursday 10 September, 10.00am–4.00pm
- **Hybrid sessions (Thursdays, 4.30–6.30pm, City Campus/online)**
 - 13 August
 - 27 August
 - 24 September
 - 22 October
- **Additional fully online learning** (completed flexibly in your own time)

To help you get started, there will be a **welcome session for scholarship recipients on 3 December 2025, 4–6pm, at the City Campus**, providing an introduction and orientation to the programme.

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.