# CELTA in Bulgaria 

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The CELTA course is standardised throughout the world, as it is accredited and regulated by Cambridge ESOL. It is by far the best known and most widely taken initial 'TESOL/TEFL' qualification of its kind in the world, taken by over 10,000 people every year. CELTA is accepted throughout the world by organizations, which employ English Language teachers. The Cambridge CELTA has been accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) at level 4 on the U.K. National Qualifications Framework. Cambridge ESOL also works with international ELT organisations to ensure the acceptance of CELTA globally.

## People choose Bulgaria to do the CELTA for different reasons:

- To experience a different culture;
- To gain experience of teaching monolingual classes;
- For the cost.

Who is this qualification suitable for?

- People starting a career in English Language teaching
- People looking for a career change or career break
- People already teaching English but with no formal qualifications

The CELTA course is designed for people with little or no teaching experience, as well as for those who have more experience. Many trainees who have never taught before do extremely well.

As part of the application process, candidates are asked to complete a pre-interview task that helps prepare for the various components of the course, including language analysis and methodology. At interview, books such as "Learning Teaching" by Jim Scrivener, and "Practical English Usage" by Swan are often recommended.

Input sessions start at 9:30 am and continue, with breaks, until 12:45 pm. Teaching practice starts at 2 pm , followed by feedback on lessons taught and then preparation for the next day's teaching, finishing up around 6:00 -6:30pm. It is a hectic timetable and, therefore, participants have to be prepared to work extremely hard for the four and a half weeks of the course.

