## LCCI International **Qualifications Update**

# English for Business On-Screen

We are delighted to introduce the Level 2 English for Business on-screen test.

Level 2 English for Business on-screen is the same accredited and well recognised LCCI International Qualification but now will also be available as a computer-based test.

Please visit the qualifications page on our website, **www.lcci.org.uk**, to view the demonstration and sample test.



#### **Features**

- Clean and clear user-friendly interface
- Functions to customise screen to meet preferences e.g. changing font size, changing reading panes from left to right, changing text and background, etc
- More authentic testing environment
   simulates general word processing functionalities
- On-screen timer and 'shortcut' functions help candidates to use time wisely and efficiently
- Screen lock-down facility keeps candidates in the test at all time
- Can be delivered off-line does not require internet connectivity at all times

#### **Benefits**

- Make the test taking experience less stressful as candidates can easily edit and change answers without starting over completely
- Advantageous to candidates who don't have very good writing skills as well as candidates with dexterity
- Candidates can register for the test exactly when they are ready - requires only 24 hours notice
- Candidates can receive results quicker
   no time lost in packaging and posting scripts
- Helps candidates to transfer and use word processing skills - better prepares them to use their language skills in the working world

Level 2 English for Business on-screen will be available from 1 May 2010 in the UK and Poland. This test will be made available in other countries from 1 July 2010. For information about availability of this test in other countries please contact the Customer Enquiries team on +44 (0)8707 202 909 or enquiries@ediplc.com.



### Assessing English Language Skills UK Border Agency Tier 4

On March 3 2010 new requirements came into effect for students coming to the UK to study under Tier 4 of the UK Border Agency Points Based System. One of these requirements is that students must be competent in English language at a minimum of CEFR level B1.

Some of our English language qualifications have already been approved by the UK Border Agency as meeting the English language requirements for Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the Points Based System.

Below are our qualifications that are aligned to CEFR B1 and which will give you the confidence that your potential students have the right level of English language skills:

Qualifications	Score/Grade	
JETSET ESOL International Qualifications		
JETSET Level 4	Pass	
English for Business (EfB)		
EfB Level 1 EfB Level 2	Credit or Distinction Pass	
English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA)	ELSA Writing 1 - Score 60 ELSA Writing 2 - Grade 3 ELSA Speaking - Grade Intermediate Mid ELSA Listening - Score 156 ELSA Reading - Score 142	

Please note that an official list of the approved language qualifications under Tier 4 will be published by UKBA later this year.

For further information on these qualifications, please contact the Customer Enquiries team on +44 (0)8707 202 909 or enquiries@ediplc.com.

Alternatively, please visit our website www.lcci.org.uk.

#### **English for Accounting**

We are pleased to announce that new English for Accounting qualification will be added to our range of English language qualifications.

English for Accounting is intended for candidates, whose native language is not English, working in an accounting related function. This qualification enables candidates to demonstrate their understanding and abilities to use key book-keeping and accounting vocabulary and terminology in English at Council of Europe B2 (Vantage) level.

The aims of the qualification are to enable candidates to develop an ability to understand and apply the specific vocabulary, terminology and abbreviations generally used in written accounting contexts at B2 level.

English for Accounting syllabus and sample paper will be available on our website www.lcci.org. uk on 1 July 2010.

If you would like any further information, please contact kasiapawlak@ediplc.com.



#### **New Level 3 Diplomas**

Following consultation with centres and other stakeholders, we are pleased to announce that four new Level 3 Diplomas will be available from 1 September 2010. The new Diplomas have been developed based on centre feedback and will offer progression routes into higher education. The aim of the new Diplomas is to provide students with a diverse but related range of knowledge and skills that are relevant to their intended progression.

The titles of the four new Diplomas are:

- Level 3 Diploma in Accounting and Finance
- Level 3 Diploma in Managerial Accounting
- Level 3 Diploma in Cost Accounting
- Level 3 Diploma in Business Management and Accounting

The new Diplomas consist of both mandatory and optional subjects, which include new units such as:

- Professional Ethics in Accounting and Finance
- Business Planning and Strategy
- Computerised Accounting

Syllabuses and sample papers for the new Diplomas will be available on the website from 1 July 2010.

For more information on the mandatory and optional subjects within each Diploma please visit the **News** page of our website, or alternatively contact **shaktitiwary@ediplc.com**.

The following current Level 3 Group Diplomas will continue to run alongside the new Diploma's until December 2012:

- Group Diploma in Accounting
- Group Diploma in Cost Accounting
- Group Diploma in Management Accounting
- Group Diploma in Computerised Accounting

#### Level 2 Book-Keeping and Accounts (IFRS)

We are pleased to inform you that as of 1 September 2010, we will be offering a Level 2 Book-Keeping and Accounts (IFRS) qualification, which will incorporate the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The current Level 2 Book-Keeping and Accounts qualification, which is based on the UK GAAP, will still be available.

For further information on these qualifications, please contact the Customer Enquiries team on +44 (0)8707 202 909 or enquiries@ediplc.com.

#### Additional qualifications now available On Demand

We are pleased to announce that the following qualifications will be available as 'On Demand' from 1 June 2010:

- Level 3 Advanced Business Calculations
- Level 3 Business Statistics

These qualifications will continue to be offered in 'Series' along with being available as 'On Demand'.



#### **Spoken English for Tourism (SEFT)**

Following a series of substandard speaking test examinations, EDI would like to draw to the attention of Examination Centres and Invigilators that additional control measures are being applied to ensure that Spoken English for Tourism examinations are conducted in compliance with EDI standards and regulations. We would like to highlight in particular:

- Poor quality of recordings (position of the microphone, quality of recording equipment, recording environment, background noise).
- Inadequate labelling of tapes and inconsistencies in mark sheets (for example, centre name not given on the Attendance Report and signature of the Invigilator on the Mark Sheet not decipherable).
- Inadequate identification of candidates (candidates' names should be identified slowly and distinctly, together with the candidates' numbers).
- Failure to send ALL recordings of the candidates.

EDI would like to remind all Examination Centres and Invigilators to refer to the Spoken English for Tourism Delivery Guidance Notes.

When choosing a TOPIC SHEET and a ROLE PLAY the Invigilator must ensure that these two parts of examination match – please see the relevant abstract from the attached **Delivery Guidance Notes**.

#### **Level 1 Diploma in Travel and Tourism**

In response to high demand from many markets, EDI is pleased to announce that new Level 1 Diploma in Travel and Tourism will be available from 1 July 2010.

The structure of the diploma is as follows:

Qua	alification title:	Level 1 Diploma in Travel and Tourism			
Minimum components required:					
Module title		Assessment method			
1	Level 1 Certificate i	n Travel and Tourism	Examination - as current	Mandatory	
2	Introductory Certif	icate in Marketing	Examination - as current		
3	Level 1 English for or Level 1 Written Eng		Examination - as current	Mandatory	

For more information on the Diploma and each of the mandatory components please visit the relevant qualifications page on our website <a href="https://www.lcci.org.com">www.lcci.org.com</a> or contact contact the Customer Enquiries team on +44 (0)8707 202 909 or <a href="mailto:enquiries@ediplc.com">enquiries@ediplc.com</a>.



#### **Business and Administration Qualifications**

A reminder to all centres that the following qualifications are being revised to ensure they are relevant to the demands of the modern business environment:

- Levels 2 4 LCCI Audio Transcription
- Levels 1 3 LCCI Business Administration
- Levels 2 3 LCCI Business Practice
- Levels 1 3 LCCI Text Production

The new syllabuses will be available on the website by 1 July 2010.

As a result there will be changes to the components of some of the group awards containing these qualifications. Information on the new structures will be available on the website from 1 July 2010.

For further information on these qualifications, please contact the Customer Enquiries team on +44 (0)8707 202 909 or enquiries@ediplc.com.

#### **Ask the Experts!**

Don't forget to use our online Ask the Experts tool which is accessible via the LCCI IQ website. Here you can contact our experienced qualifications development and examining teams to ask them any qualification-related questions that you may have.

The service is fast, efficient and will enable you to receive answers from our professional experts, to questions about any of our qualifications.

#### Congratulations to all of our Certificate of Achievement and Medallion Winners!

We are delighted to be able to congratulate all of our 2010 LCCI IQ Certificate of Achievement and Medallion winners! Please visit the **Celebrating your Success** page on the LCCI website to see the names of all the winners.

To appear on the **Celebrating your Success** page of the LCCI IQ website, please send us your photographs of your winning students to **enquiries@ediplc.com**.