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### IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES

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**Abstract**: This article's goal is to briefly describe the significance, setting, duration, impetus, and rationale behind the establishment of international foreign language certifications. There are standardized tests that measure the proficiency in foreign languages that are spoken on a global scale. Successful exam takers will receive official certificates. Each certificate, in turn, has unique advantages. For instance, a TESOL certificate holder can instruct English in any nation. There are other prerequisites and possibilities for other language certificates that are similar. For a variety of reasons, foreign language certificates can be earned. Some take the test in order to work or reside in that nation, while others do so in order to enroll in one of its colleges.

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Everyone is aware that tests are given to those whose first language is not English, German, French, or Korean to ascertain their level of understanding. Some people take these exams for no reason at all, while others do so in order to work and study overseas. As a result, 30 of the most well-known exams used to verify language proficiency in 11 different languages are included. These are Korean TOPIC I, TOPIC II, French DELF, DALF, TCF, English IELTS, TESOL, TOEFL, CELTA, Russian TORFL, TRKI, German Tests like DCD, DAF, Goethe-Zertifikat. Below is a brief description of these certificates.

TOEFL is one of the exams used to gauge English language skills. A standardized test is the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The TOEFL certificate was first issued in 1964 and is good for two years. More than 20 million individuals have submitted it since then. More than 190 countries and territories recognize the test, along with more than 11,000 universities and other institutions. The Modern Language Association initially administered this test in 1964, with funding provided by grants from the Ford Foundation and the Danforth Foundation.

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English is the de facto official language in English-speaking nations, including most Commonwealth nations, former British colonies like Hong Kong SAR, and former US protectorates like the Philippines and Puerto Rico. These nations are automatically exempt from taking the TOEFL. To familiarize yourself with TOEFL test guidelines, realize that the Internet-based TOEFL test (iBT) evaluates four academic English language abilities. Reading, writing, speaking, and listening are among them. The United States, Canada, France, Germany, and Italy joined TOEFL iBT in 2005, and test centers from all over the world joined in 2006. Three hours are allotted for the test.

Reading: The Reading section consists of approximately 700 words and 10 questions each, with texts on academic topics.

Listening: The listening section consists of 2-3 conversation questions of 5 questions each and 3-4 lecture questions of 6 questions each.

Speaking: The Speaking part consists of 4 tasks: 1 independent and 3 integrated.

Writing: The Writing part measures the test taker's ability to write in an academic setting and consists of 2 tasks: 1- integrated, 2- independent.

People who desire to study, immigrate, or complete an internship in an English-speaking country must take the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) exam. IELTS testing is required for persons applying for immigration to Australia and New Zealand as well as those who want to enroll in institutions in Britain, Ireland, America, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Like the TOEFL, the IELTS tests four competencies. IELTS has a maximum score of 9, and each score has a different level.

Item 9 - expert user

Band 8 - very good user

Item 7 - good user

Clause 6 - competent user

Item 5 - modest user

Clause 4 - limited user

Item 3 - extremely limited user

Band 2 - intermittent user

Clause 1 - non-user

Band 0 - did not attempt the test.

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The scores of the examiner are accurate and correct. For example, if you scored 6.5 in listening, 7 in speaking, 6.5 in reading, and 6.5 in writing, then (6.5+7+6.5+6.5)/4=6.625. This means you got 6.5 points.

The main professional association for educators whose second language is English is called TESOL International Association (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages). In Virginia, USA, the group was established in 1966. As of 2013, the group had 12,100 members from all over the world and partnerships with more than 100 organizations that focus on language instruction. In addition to TESOL, there are other qualifications like TEFL and TESL that allow you to teach abroad. The TEFL and TESL certifications differ in a few ways. With the TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certification, you can work as an English instructor in nations like China, Brazil, and Japan where English is not the national tongue.

TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) is a certification that allows people to teach English to people whose mother tongue is not English but who are currently living in countries where English is widely spoken, such as the USA, UK, Australia, and Canada. In essence, all three credentials are valid for teaching English abroad. However, TESOL differs from these two degrees in that you can teach English in any country with this one.

The TOPIC test is one of the tools used to gauge language proficiency in Korean (Test of Proficiency in Korean). This test is meant to measure a person's proficiency in speaking and understanding Korean if it is not their first language. There are three levels of the TOPIC test: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Six times a year are held TOPIC tests (mostly on Sunday, in some countries also on Saturday). Four times in both Korea and other nations, only once in Korea (January) (April, May, July, October and November). TOPIC test consists of 2 levels - TOPIC-I and TOPIC-II. TOPIC-I test is held in the morning, TOPIC-II test in the afternoon. TOPIC-I has 2 sub-levels - 1 and 2, TOPIC-II consists of 4 levels - 3, 4, 5 and 6. Successful test takers will receive one of 6 grades and an official certificate. Grades are graded as follows:

1 and 2 – Elementary level.

3 and 4 - Intermediate level.

5 and 6 – High level.

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TOPIC-I consists of 2 sections: reading and listening. TOPIC-II consists of 3 parts: reading, listening and writing. The test consists of 2 sessions of 90 minutes with a 30-minute break. The first session tests vocabulary, grammar and writing, the second session tests listening and reading.

There are exams that determine how well a person knows a language, just like there are for other languages. We can use DALF, DELF, and TCF as examples. The DALF is a test that assesses a non-native speaker's degree of proficiency in the French language. Within DALF, there are two separate levels: C1 and C2. In order to do this, DALF is split into two separate degrees, each of which is linked to level 2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). French institutions do not need applicants to take a language test if they have a C1 or C2 level. There are several DALF and DELF test directions, therefore we should be aware of it. Adults are the target market for DALF. DALF is aimed at an adult audience. DELF Prime for children and DELF junior version for teenagers and DELF for schools.

There is also a TCF test. The TCF is a standardized test of French language proficiency. It is regulated and managed by CIEP, a public partner of the French Ministry of Education.

TORFL and TRKI are tests that determine the level of knowledge of the Russian language. TORFL (Test of Russian as a Foreign Language) is a modern test of the Russian language for foreign citizens that meets international quality standards. TORFL has 6 different levels from A1 to 4 certification C2. TORFL consists of 6 subtests that test language competence in different areas of language use: writing, reading, listening, vocabulary, grammar and speaking.

SPSU (St. Petersburg State University) Language Test Center was established on August 22, 1997 in order to organize and conduct the state test of Russian as a foreign language (TORFL).

A exam to measure German language proficiency called the Goethe-Zertifikat is standardized to meet international standards. Official certificates are given to test takers, and the Goethe-Zertifikat is rated in accordance with the 6-level scale of pan-European language proficiency. You may be able to live, work, and attend a Studienkolleg in Germany thanks to the Goethe-Zertifikat.

**Conclusion**. None of the credentials above were mentioned, but they are all of international significance. Each credential has unique specifications and

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qualifications. Possessing these certificates can aid in personal growth in some ways and is an accomplishment in life. Learning non-native languages allows one to create goals, facilitates progress toward the goals, encourages searching, broadens one's worldview, and opens the door to numerous options.

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