

# About IATQuO, Our Accrediting Body

International Accreditation of TESOL Qualifying Organisations

**IATQuO** is the only organisation dedicated exclusively to providing external **accreditation/validation and quality assurance** services to:

TESOL Teacher Training Courses worldwide in order to

- ensure international standards, and
- reassure Trainee Teachers

that they will receive a quality preparation for a career in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and an **internationally recognised TEFL certificate**.

#### Why do they do this?

- to promote the highest standards in an increasingly important international educational sector
- to protect intending teachers from the many sub-standard programs on offer.

## How do they do this?

- they respond to requests for accreditation/validation from training centres
- they agree course objectives, content and method of delivery with each centre
- they work alongside each centre and do not impose a particular approach
- they maintain regular contact and carry out regular monitoring through visits by specialist consultants.

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## What are the core features of an IATQuO accredited course?

- a minimum of 100 contact hours between trainees and tutors
- a curriculum which includes the essentials of English grammar and phonology, and basic learning and teaching strategies
- a minimum of 6 hours observed Teaching Practice with real learners of different ages and levels
- fully qualified and experienced tutors and sound course management
- adequate premises and facilities for the above
- the course belongs to the individual centre and not to IATQuO.

# Why should you trust IATQuO?

- they employ only consultants with years of experience and expertise in the field
- they are based in Bristol, South West England, and liaise frequently with the local universities
- you can contact them by email or telephone if you have a query about a course
- they respond to requests from (potential) employers for assurances re IATQuO accreditation
- they are dynamic and dependable.

For fuller information about IATQuO, **TEFL certificates** and accredited TEFL centres visit <u>www.iatquo.org</u>

# Why TtMadrid?

- it is a well equipped TEFL training centre, committed to the highest professional standards
- when visiting/moderating centres, IATQuO awards up to 5 points for each of the five main core features. After the most recent visit, TtMadrid was awarded 22 out of 25 its highest ever.

Both TtMadrid and IATQuO are 21st century companies adopting 21st century standards

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# Who is the IATQuO Director?

#### Dr Alan Dallas Moller

A British applied linguist specialized in language testing, Alan D Moller, Ph.D and Dip App Ling (Edinburgh), MA (Cantab), PGCE (London).

Dr Alan Moller, a retired British Council Officer, has been Director of the English Language Services Department of the British Council incorporating, among other tasks, inspecting and advising language schools worldwide. He wrote many of the BC Tests for English as a Foreign Language (mini platform tests) still in use nowadays. He was actively involved with the introduction of the ELTS (now IELTS) in 1989.

Alan was posted in Africa, Singapore, and Malaysia and was Cultural Attaché at the New Delhi British High Commission in charge of organising the Henry Moore Exhibition.

After retiring from the British Council, Alan has been full time Chief Examiner for Trinity College London. Duties included academic responsibility for the Certificate in TESOL, for the Diploma in TESOL, and for the suite of Spoken English tests. On his departure from TCL in 1999, these responsibilities were assigned to three different professionals.

In 2003, he was appointed Chair of Examiners for the London Tests of English by the main British Examinations Board, EDEXCEL (London).

His Ph.D "A study in the validation of proficiency tests of English as a Foreign Language" (Edinburgh 1981)

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