

NZELTO Asia Intake 65 Programme Outline

Course theme: Renewable Energy

New Zealand English Language Training for Officials (NZELTO) is an English Language programme run by Kāpuhipuhi Wellington Uni-Professional (WUPL) and the English Language Institute (ELI) at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) on behalf of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

Programme Overview

The programme has three stages.

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
In-country pre-departure meetings	New Zealand English Language Training Programme	Post-course in-country workplace project
November & December 2026	14 January – 16 April 2027	April-June 2027
<p>Key information sent to officials.</p> <p>Remote/online engagement meetings between participants, teaching and pastoral care teams to convey key programme information.</p> <p>Pre-departure briefings held in-country by New Zealand Embassies or partner organisations.</p>	<p>13 weeks full-time study in Wellington will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive tailored English Language Training programme at the ELI including language learning, intercultural communication, New Zealand culture and good governance. • The course theme of Renewable Energy including climate change and the low-carbon economy, energy efficiencies and conservation, and renewable technologies. • Workplace communication & interactions. • A field trip. • IELTS training & testing. 	<p>Undertake a workplace-based project on the intake theme and prepare a 10-minute presentation.</p> <p>There will be online meetings to provide support and connect with participants.</p>

Key Learning Outcomes

The overarching goal underpinning NZELTO Asia is to support sustainable economic development in participating nations through improved use of English for international communication and to facilitate and contribute to enduring cooperation, economic and people-to-people ties between Aotearoa New Zealand and participating countries.

The specific learning outcomes of the course are:

- Improved English language capability.
- Improved application of English to the course theme.
- Improved understanding of Aotearoa New Zealand's role and impact relevant to the course theme through workplace interactions and guest lectures.
- Improved confidence in presenting in English.

Possible Participants

Government officials and employees of state-owned enterprises working in a technical or policy role and who have a proven need for using English in their work and developing their understanding of issues in Renewable Energy. Applicants should have a direct connection with the theme (e.g., making policy relating to renewable energy, or involved with planning, approval, implementing, or reporting on renewable energy projects) and work in areas such as energy, transport, environment, science and technology, commerce (energy price regulation) and construction and building in relation to energy use.

Applicants must explain how renewable energy is related to their work.

Possible ministries and government organisations are:

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| • Construction | • Industry | • Rural development |
| • Conservation | • Land management | • Science |
| • Energy | • Natural resources | • Technology & Innovation |
| • Economy | • Planning | • Telecommunications |
| • Environment | • Petroleum & minerals | • Transport |
| • Finance | • President's or Prime Minister's office | • Water Resources and Meteorology |
| • Investment | • Public works | |

This is not an exhaustive list, and candidates are also invited from other relevant ministries and state-owned enterprises.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship, all the following statements must be true:

- I am a citizen of the following countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam.
- From the date my application is submitted, I will have lived in my country of citizenship for the last two years or more.
- Exception for diplomatic corps and their family: A member of the diplomatic corps or a dependant of a member of the diplomatic corps, living outside their own country, can apply for a scholarship.
- I am not a citizen or permanent resident of any of the following countries: New Zealand, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, any European Union country, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America.
 - Exceptions: Timor-Lester-Portuguese dual citizens can also apply.
- I will be between the ages of 25 – 45 years at the time I start the scholarship.
- I am not currently serving in the military.

- Within the last five years, I have not had a New Zealand Scholarship terminated.

Applicants must also acknowledge and agree that:

- They have received endorsement from their employer to attend this training programme.
- They expect to meet the academic entry requirements (including English language requirements) for their planned training programme.

Selection Criteria

Individual applicants should meet the following criteria:

- English language proficiency IELTS 4.5 – 5.5 or equivalent.
- Direct connection with theme, preferably in a technical or policy role.
- English is used frequently for work.
- Age range: 25 - 45 years old.
- If you have completed tertiary-level study in an English-speaking country, you are **not eligible** to apply for the NZELTO programme.

Applications are encouraged from:

- Female candidates.
- Candidates from provincial centres who need to use English regularly in their work.

Important information on application submission

Preference will be given to applicants who submit a strong application. Do the following:

- Read and understand this course outline.
- Use your own words - using Artificial Intelligence or translation tools weakens an application. AI is not your friend!
- State clearly how you use English in your work and how your work is connected to renewable energy in your country.
- Don't copy someone else's application.
- Give honest answers.

Key application and selection dates

- The application window will be open to receive applications from **1 June to 10 July 2026**.
- Language testing will take place from **17 August to 4 September 2026**. You must be available to complete testing during this period.
- Offer letters will be sent to successful candidates from the week of **5 October 2026**.

Note: Applicants need to read and understand this outline before applying.