# Timelines for Completion of the ESOL Training Requirements

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<td>Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and Computer Literacy</td>
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## Requirements

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## Timelines

### Experienced Teacher:

- 6 years or more allowed for completion of ESOL Endorsement.
- 3 years for K-12 ESOL Coverage obtained by a passing score on ESOL Subject Area Test.

### Beginning Teacher:

- Same as above for experienced teachers

### Hires Prior to September 9, 2003

- 1 calendar year to complete from date of assignment of LEP student

### Hires after September 9, 2003

- 2 years to complete

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Notes:

1. Teachers of Reading courses reported under weighted ESOL funding are considered Category I teachers.
2. For ESOL Endorsement only - 3 semester hours or 60 in-service credit points within two years after the teacher first becomes responsible for the Language Arts instruction of a LEP student. 3 semester hours or 60 in-service credit points each subsequent year that the teacher continues to be responsible for the Language Arts instruction of a LEP student, until a total of 15 semester hours or 300 in-service credit points have been earned.
3. Teachers of Reading courses reported as Basic or a non-ESOL weighted cost factor are considered Category III teachers.
4. All other administrators (district-level) are required to receive training in the terms of the Consent Decree, Cross-Cultural communications and delivery of comprehensible instruction. However, no specific number of inservice points or hours is required.

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ESOL Inservice or Coursework must include all of the following areas:

- Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development
- Cross-cultural Communication and Understanding
- Testing and Evaluation of ESOL
- Applied Linguistics

Recertification Flexibilities:

- ESOL in-service credit points and/or ESOL College credits count as in-field for recertification of any coverage

Banking of ESOL Points

- Any points earned in excess of 6 semester hours or 120 points within one validity period may be banked towards the renewal of a certificate in subsequent renewal periods.