



# Learn English through the Adult Migrant English Program

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English is Australia's national language. People in Australia speak many languages, but speaking and understanding English will help you to fully participate in Australian life. Without English, you will find it hard to obtain Australian citizenship, access important services and become independent.

To help you learn English, you may be able to attend the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP).

## What is AMEP?

AMEP is funded by the Australian Government and provides up to 510 hours of free English language lessons to eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants. If you have been granted a permanent visa or an eligible temporary visa and speak little or no English, you may be eligible for AMEP. Some migrant youths aged between 15 and 17 years of age may also be eligible.

In an AMEP class, you will learn English language skills and information about Australian society. You will meet other new arrivals and may make new friends. These together will help you and your family settle successfully in Australia. English language skills are also very important if you wish to work in Australia.

AMEP is delivered by approved service providers and taught by teachers who are trained to teach English to speakers of other languages.

## How do I enrol?

To access English language tuition through AMEP, you must register with an approved AMEP service provider within six months of arriving in Australia or from visa commencement. You must begin English classes within 12 months of arriving in Australia or from your visa commencement.

### *Opportunity through learning*

You have five years from your date of arrival in Australia or visa commencement to learn English through AMEP. You may be eligible for additional lessons depending on your needs. If you do not meet the time limits, an AMEP service provider can apply for an extension on your behalf in certain circumstances.

Your service provider will help you choose a class that will best suit your needs to help ensure the best possible result for you. There are full-time and part-time classes at different times and in different places so you can learn when and where it suits you.

## Tuition streams

In order to better meet your needs, your AMEP service provider will help you to choose from two streams of tuition:

- Pre-employment English stream - for clients who wish to gain functional English to participate in the workplace, or further training which may lead to sustainable employment.
- Social English stream - for clients wanting to improve their competence in conversational English to help them participate socially and to gain the confidence to live independently within their local community.

You may use your legislated 510 hour entitlement in either stream or a combination of both.

Clients receiving income support payments with mutual obligation requirements will not be eligible for the Social English stream.

## What if I can't go to class?

If you can't get to your class, speak to your AMEP service provider. The service provider may be able to help you to learn English with a volunteer tutor, in your home or another mutually convenient location, or online with AMEP teacher-assisted distance learning.

You can also learn at your own pace using AMEP self-paced e-learning modules at [www.amepdl.net.au](http://www.amepdl.net.au). These free lessons are available to everyone (not just AMEP clients) to help people learn English.

## AMEP sub programs

You may be eligible for additional tuition if you have special needs.

### Special Preparatory Program

The Special Preparatory Program (SPP) offers additional hours and support to eligible humanitarian entrants with difficult pre-migration experiences and limited schooling.

## Settlement Language Pathways to Employment and Training

The Settlement Language Pathways to Employment and Training (SLPET) program offers eligible clients an employment focused course to assist them to learn vocation-specific English while gaining familiarity with Australian workplace culture and practices.

SLPET provides up to 200 additional hours of vocation-specific English language tuition, including up to 80 hours of work experience placement in a diverse range of industries.

### AMEP Extend

The AMEP Extend program offers up to 490 hours of additional tuition to eligible clients who complete their 510 hour entitlement without achieving their English language proficiency goals.

### AMEP child care

Your AMEP service provider can arrange free child care for your children while you attend class. Free child care is only offered for children who are under school age.

### AMEP pathway guidance

AMEP service providers offer pathway guidance to assist you to set goals, understand your options and to make decisions in relation to your tuition, further education and employment opportunities.

### For more information

AMEP	Contact details
<b>AMEP website</b>	<a href="https://www.education.gov.au/learn-english-for-migrants">https://www.education.gov.au/learn-english-for-migrants</a>
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:skilling@education.gov.au">skilling@education.gov.au</a>
<b>Information in languages other than English</b>	<a href="http://www.education.gov.au/amep-information-other-languages">www.education.gov.au/amep-information-other-languages</a>
<b>Where can I learn English?</b>	
<b>AMEP service providers and learning centres</b>	<a href="http://www.education.gov.au/adult-migrant-english-program-service-providers">www.education.gov.au/adult-migrant-english-program-service-providers</a>
<b>AMEP online</b>	<a href="http://www.amepdl.net.au">www.amepdl.net.au</a>

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