

# NZELTO Asia Programme: Intake 63 Outline

## Theme: Strengthening Resilience

This programme is 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

| Stage 1   | Stage 2  | Stage 3  | Stage 4  |
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| In-country pre-departure meetings   | New Zealand English Language Training Programme  | Post-course in-country workplace project   | Southeast Asia Conference  |
| April 2026  | 7 May – 7 August 2026  | August - October 2026  | Late 2026  |
| <p>Key information sent to officials.</p> <p>Remote/online engagement meetings between participants and 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"> <li>• A comprehensive tailored English Language Training programme at the ELI including language learning, intercultural communication, New Zealand culture and good governance.</li> <li>• The Course theme of Strengthening Resilience. The principles &amp; approaches to disaster risk reduction in theory &amp; practice in NZ, SE Asia, Mongolia &amp; worldwide.</li> <li>• Workplace communication &amp; visits.</li> <li>• A field trip.</li> <li>• IELTS training &amp; testing.</li> </ul> | <p>Undertake a workplace-based project on the intake theme and prepare a 10-minute presentation.</p> <p>The teaching staff will lead online meetings to provide support and connect with other participants.</p> | <p>A three-day conference based around presenting the workplace projects which will provide engagement across cohorts.</p> <p>The conference will take place late in 2026 for Intakes 62 &amp; 63 in a Southeast Asian location.</p> <p>The workplace project needs to be completed to be eligible for the conference.</p> |

The course will deliver the following specific learning outcomes:

- Improved English language capability generally and in relation to the course theme
- Improved skills and knowledge relevant to the course theme
- Improved understanding of Aotearoa New Zealand's role and impact relevant to the course theme through workplace communication & visits
- Improved confidence in presenting workplace projects in English

## Possible participants

Government officials and employees of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) working in a technical or policy role and who have a proven need for using English in their work and developing their understanding of strengthening resilience. Applicants need to explain how strengthening resilience in their country is related to their work.

Possible ministries and government organisations are:

- Civil Defence
- Disaster Risk Management
- Infrastructure
- Health (infectious disease control)
- Coastal & Flood Protection
- Climate scientists
- Hydrologists
- Seismologists
- Urban Planning
- Environment
- A relevant division of Foreign Affairs
- Women's Affairs / Women's Union (community resilience)

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

## 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

## Tips on application submission

Preference will be given to applicants who submit a strong application. Here are some ways to submit a strong application:

- Read this course outline and understand the programme.
- Use your own words - using Artificial Intelligence or translation tools weakens an application.
- State clearly how your work is connected to strengthening resilience 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 **15 September to 25 October 2025**.
- Language testing will take place from **1 December to 19 December 2025**. You must be available to complete testing during this period.
- Offer letters will be sent to successful candidates from the week of **2 February 2026**.