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## ESOL and Citizenship

I'm Turkish, been living in the UK for over eight years and want to apply for citizenship. I lost a certificate gained in English and the college that awarded it has closed down. What is the process for replacing it?

You would need an English course recognised by the government for citizenship requirements.

Check out government website site for more info: Prove your knowledge of English for citizenship and settling [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

Their guidance says: 'From November 2015, you won't be able to use ESOL qualifications as proof for settlement and citizenship applications'.

There's a British Council test centre in Birmingham, at Joseph Chamberlain College, there are a few in London. I don't think the certificate you haven't got would be helpful even if you had it.

If you want more info on applying for settlement, check out the legal advisor list -

