



DELTA FAQs – Oxford School Padova

What is Cambridge DELTA?

The Cambridge DELTA (Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is one of the world's most respected advanced qualifications for English language teachers.

It is aimed at experienced teachers who want to deepen their understanding of language, methodology and classroom practice, and who may be considering more senior academic roles in the future.

DELTA is divided into three independent modules:

- Module One – Understanding Language, Methodology and Resources for Teaching
- Module Two – Developing Professional Practice
- Module Three – Extending Practice and ELT Specialism

At present, Oxford School Padova offers preparation for Module One only. Preparation courses for Module Three may be introduced in the future.

Which DELTA module should I start with?

For most teachers, Module One is the ideal starting point. It provides the theoretical foundation that supports the more practical and specialised aspects of DELTA.

What does Module One involve?

Module One focuses on language systems and skills, teaching methodology, phonology, grammar, learner needs, testing and assessment, and classroom resources.

Assessment takes place through a written Cambridge exam consisting of two papers.

Is DELTA only for native speakers?

No. Many successful DELTA candidates are non-native English speakers. Candidates should generally have English competence around CEFR C1 level or above.

Do I need a CELTA before starting DELTA?

A CELTA or equivalent initial teaching qualification is strongly recommended, together with classroom teaching experience.

How much teaching experience should I have?

DELTA is designed for practising teachers rather than beginners. Cambridge generally recommends at least one year of teaching experience.



Is DELTA difficult?

Yes — DELTA is academically demanding and requires independent study, research, language analysis and disciplined preparation.

How is DELTA different from a Master's degree?

DELTA is generally more classroom-focused and practical than many MA TESOL programmes.

Is DELTA recognised internationally?

Yes. DELTA is awarded by Cambridge English and is recognised internationally as a high-level teaching qualification.

What career opportunities can DELTA lead to?

DELTA can help teachers progress towards roles such as Senior Teacher, Academic Coordinator, Director of Studies, Teacher Trainer and Materials Writer.

What happens if I fail the exam?

Module One can be retaken. Many candidates do not pass on their first attempt, particularly if they underestimate the exam format.

Why prepare for DELTA at Oxford School Padova?

Our approach combines exam-focused preparation, practical classroom relevance, personalised guidance and support from experienced teacher trainers.