

Supporting and developing
language professionals
worldwide



CIOL Recognition, Validation and Certification (RVC) Accreditation



The Chartered Institute of Linguists

Founded in 1910 and later granted its Royal Charter by HM Queen Elizabeth II, the Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL) is the UK's global Royal Chartered professional body for those using language skills at the highest level in their working lives.

CIOL has over 5,000 professional members around the world and more than 2,000 student and affiliate members, many of whom are studying for our internationally recognised qualifications in translation and interpreting.

CIOL Qualifications is CIOL's Awarding Organisation and delivers professional translation and interpreting qualifications, as well as language skills assessments, in more than 50 languages in around 30 countries.

UK Royal Charter Bodies

Chartered bodies are recognised as the leader in their field and as such they are:

Credible – with long and unrivalled histories

Ethical – chartered professionals are trusted worldwide

Up to date – on professional practice and competencies



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What is it?

CIOL's Recognition, Validation and Certification (RVC) accreditation is designed to offer universities and other organisations that deliver language education, vocational learning and assessments for linguists a formal means to achieve recognition and validation of their programmes and activities, through alignment with the UK's Chartered body for linguists.

Who is RVC for?

CIOL RVC accreditation is now available worldwide to organisations in the field of languages (learning, assessment and training) that meet the criteria required for each level of the scheme.



The scheme is suitable for general adult language and specialist vocational learning programmes at CEFR (Common European Framework) level B1/B2 and above; notably:

- those delivering English degrees, degrees taught in the English language, or providing English-language training for working professionals;
- those providing undergraduate, master's or other courses for specialist linguists e.g. interpreters, translators.

Applicant organisations submit evidence against a framework and receive a detailed and confidential report and recommendations with a free-to-use, non-confidential summary statement for public use if successful.

Successful applicants thus benefit from accreditation from the UK's Chartered body for language professionals of their programme's structure, language content, linguistic level, delivery and outcomes.

Adding value with CIOL

An accreditation from the Chartered Institute of Linguists via RVC provides enhanced evidence of your programme's value to your students and may help give them an advantage in highly competitive job markets. We will provide you with a confidential report and a CIOL RVC logo to use on certificates and on your publicity.

CIOL's work with language communities in the UK and around the world promotes collaboration and partnerships with learned societies, associations, government departments, universities, public services and businesses. All these organisations share our understanding of the value, importance and benefits of language learning.

Our Royal Charter supports us and you in this endeavour, in particular by committing CIOL to:

- contribute towards international goodwill by encouraging the effective study and practice of languages;
- provide means of recognising linguists who are qualified in the professions, the arts, the sciences, industry, trade and commerce;
- provide linguistic assistance for and co-operating with any person or groups of persons interested in the use, teaching or study of languages.

Case Studies



"Aligning our programmes with the UK's chartered body for linguists is prestigious for XJTLU as an institution and for the language centre."

Dean for the SoL, Helen Beech
Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University, China

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"I was very pleased to discover that the RVC scheme is now available for our MA in Translation and contributes to a bigger benchmarking exercise."

Programme Director Dr Christophe Fricker
University of Bristol, UK

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"Now we can show people in Latin America and around the world that CIOL has checked and validated our adult ESOL assessments."

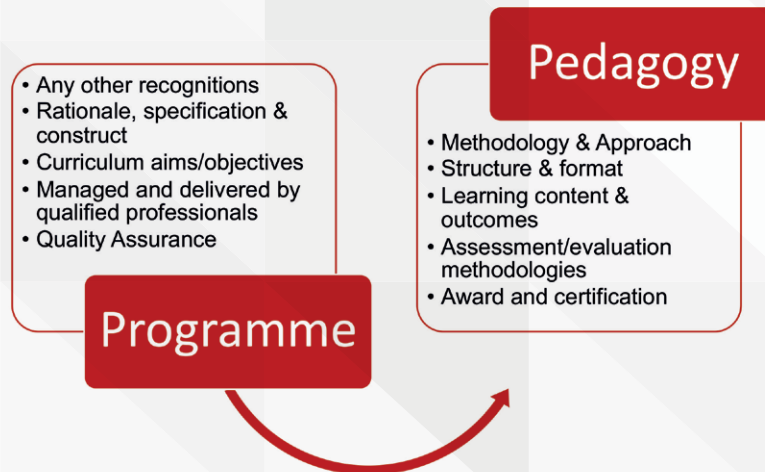
CEO Pablo Demarchi
PATH International Examinations, Argentina

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What are the RVC accreditation levels?

There are three levels of accreditation: Recognised, Validated and Certified. Each level requires prior achievement and compliance with earlier levels, i.e. to apply to have a programme Certified, it must already be Recognised and Validated.

Validated Programme



Certified Programme



Organisations with currently accredited RVC programmes include:



University of
BRISTOL



University of
Nottingham
UK | CHINA | MALAYSIA



Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
西交利物浦大學

Further information

For further details on RVC accreditation, application forms or to discuss whether your language or vocational programme is suitable for consideration for RVC, please contact:

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