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London College of Teachers & Trainers

Online TEFL

A course guide for people preparing to teach English in Korea

120, 140 and 170-hour options

Self-paced online study, with practice on 140 and 170 hours

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About this guide

Three questions to answer before you pay

Do you need a TEFL certificate for the job you want? Which of the three options fits? What happens after payment?

This guide draws on information published by Korvia, the London College of Teachers & Trainers (LCTT) and EPIK, and on Korvia's recruiting experience where it says so. Where a detail is not published, the guide says so.

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Photographs are illustrative. They do not show LCTT courses, tutors or students.

The course at a glance

One course, three ways to take it

120–170 *hours*

Three options. The 140 and 170-hour options add a teaching-practice component to the same 120 hours of online study.

USD 249–449

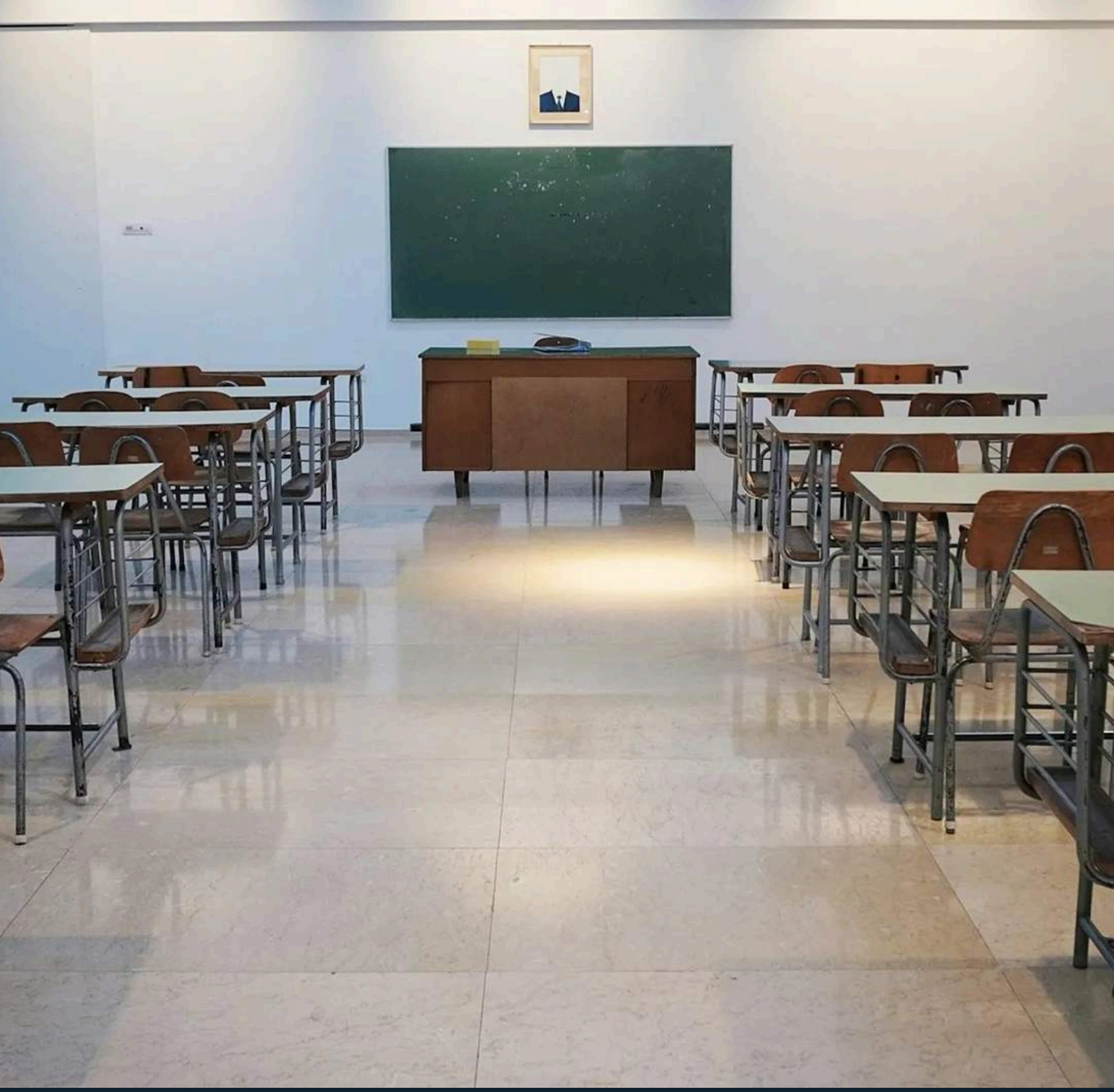
Korvia's prices as listed on korvia.com/tefl on 26 October 2026. Each is USD 50 below the regular price listed for the same option.

24 *working hours*

Course access is issued within 24 working hours of payment confirmation.

USD 35 *add-on*

A physical certificate. A digital certificate is included in every option. The checkout form says applicants for public-school positions in Korea are required to have the physical version.



Do you need one? It depends on the job.

Public-school programs, private academies and international schools in Korea do not all use the same qualification rules. Start with the role you want, then decide on a course.

What EPIK publishes

Who is exempt. EPIK says applicants with a teaching licence or certificate, a B.Ed. or M.Ed., or a major in Teaching, TESOL, Second Language Studies (University of Hawai'i) or another education-focused field are not required to hold a TEFL, TESOL or CELTA certificate.

> "Those who have a Bachelor's degree in a field/specialization not listed above will need to obtain a TEFL/TESOL/CELTA/etc. certificate of at least 100 hours or more from an accredited program to be eligible."
>
> EPIK, Eligibility — epik.go.kr, read 26 October 2026

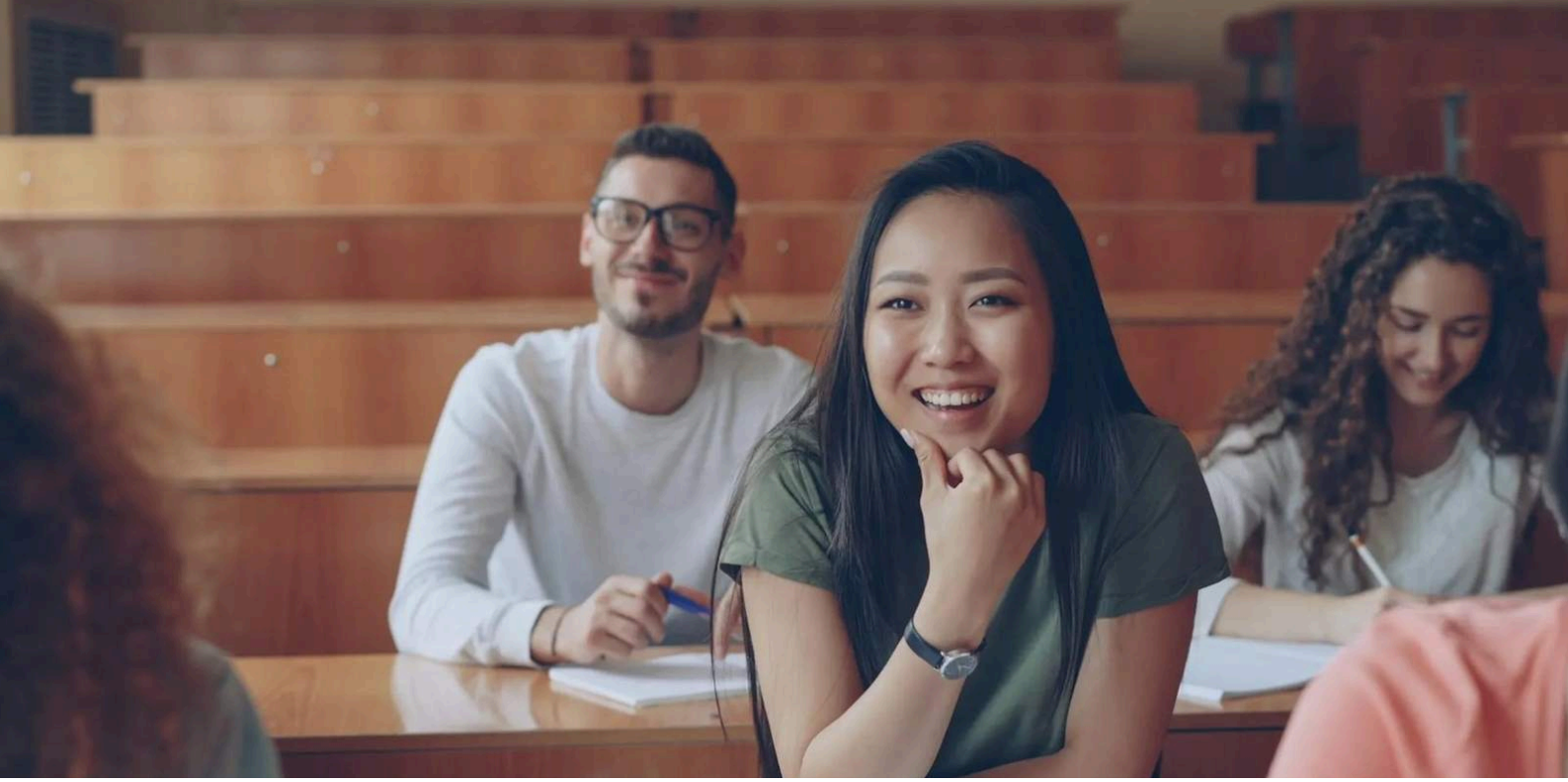
Timing. EPIK says you may apply before you hold the certificate, as long as it is finalized no later than 6 weeks before your final expected arrival date in Korea.

Other EPIK conditions. In general, EPIK also requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited university in one of seven designated countries (Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States and South Africa), with schooling there from 7th grade. Exceptions and further conditions apply; read the full list on epik.go.kr.

Private employers, such as hagwons, can set their own rules.

Where to start

You hold a teaching licence or an education-focused degree	Check whether your target program already accepts it before you buy a course.
You are applying to EPIK without one	Send the exact course details to EPIK or your recruiter and ask whether the course meets the requirement above.
You are applying to a private employer	Ask the employer or your recruiter which certificates they accept.



Why take a TEFL course

What a TEFL course gives you, in Korvia's view

A TEFL course will not make you an expert teacher on its own. It gives you the basic knowledge of English-language teaching and a first look at the work of teaching English.

Foundations

Methodology, grammar, phonology and lesson planning: the concepts behind a lesson.

Lesson planning

Planning lessons and activities before you stand in front of a class.

Preparation

Completing the course assessments as part of getting ready to apply.

Classroom practice. In Korvia's view, in-class practice is a first look at the classroom side of the job: planning a lesson and teaching it to real learners.

Published program requirements are on the next page.

Where the certificate counts

Recognition depends on the program

Route	What is published
EPIK Provincial and metropolitan Offices of Education	A TEFL, TESOL or CELTA certificate of at least 100 hours from an accredited program is the baseline for applicants whose degree is not in an exempt field. EPIK states that Offices of Education are not currently hiring Level 3 applicants, so applicants must qualify for at least Level 2. A bachelor's degree plus a 100-hour-plus certificate is one way to reach it. epik.go.kr — Eligibility; Pay Scale updated 4 May 2026 for the Fall 2026 intake
Seoul Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education (SMOE)	SMOE uses its own pay scale, issued by SMOE. Confirm its current requirements with SMOE or your recruiter. epik.go.kr — Pay Scale
Private academies Hagwons	Each employer sets its own rules. korvia.com/tefl

KRW 2.2–2.35

million a month · Fall 2026 scale

EPIK Level 2 monthly pay on the Fall 2026 scale, depending on the Office of Education. The final pay level is set by the Office of Education, and the scale can change between intakes — check the current scale. Seoul uses a separate scale.

How EPIK handles the certificate

EPIK	EPIK reviews each application before inviting the applicant to an online interview. For applicants whose degree is not in an exempt field, the certificate (completed, or due to be finalized no later than 6 weeks before arrival) is part of meeting eligibility. Proof of the certificate is among the documents EPIK asks for after a successful interview.
Private academies	In Korvia's recruiting experience, a completed TEFL certificate widens the range of positions a candidate can be put forward for. Each employer still makes its own decision.

Illustration

Before the interview

In Korvia's process, be ready to show how you teach

In Korvia's recruiting records, more than four in ten new applicants between August and October 2026 were asked for a demo lesson, up from about one in five in January 2026.

As demo lessons become a more common step, for applicants without an education degree or a teaching licence, Korvia treats TEFL preparation as essential rather than optional. The course covers methodology, grammar, phonology and lesson planning (page 13). This describes Korvia's own process; EPIK's published process is an application review followed by an online interview.

What Korvia may ask for

A demo lesson, or answers to questions about your teaching experience.

Use your coursework

Keep your coursework and any feedback you receive. It is material you can draw on when you prepare a demo lesson.

Try it before you go

Find out whether teaching abroad fits you

In Korvia's view, working through the course material can help you judge whether planning and teaching lessons suits you. If it does not, take that seriously: teaching English abroad may not be the right move.

Better to learn that before you move than after. Keep in mind that the course fee is non-refundable (page 17).

Where Korvia comes in

Korvia has been a contractor for EPIK, the Ministry of Education's English Program in Korea, for over 15 years. It is a recruitment company specializing in the selection of E-2 teachers for public schools and private education institutions in Korea. A TEFL course is one way to prepare; placement is a separate process, and a course purchase does not guarantee one.

Illustration

Before you pay

Four checks before you enrol

1 Confirm your target role

EPIK, other public-school programs, hagwons and international schools do not use identical qualification rules.

2 Confirm the exact course

Send the course link and the hour and practice breakdown to the program or recruiter reviewing your application.

3 Review the completion evidence

Ask what the digital certificate, and any transcript or hour confirmation, will show.

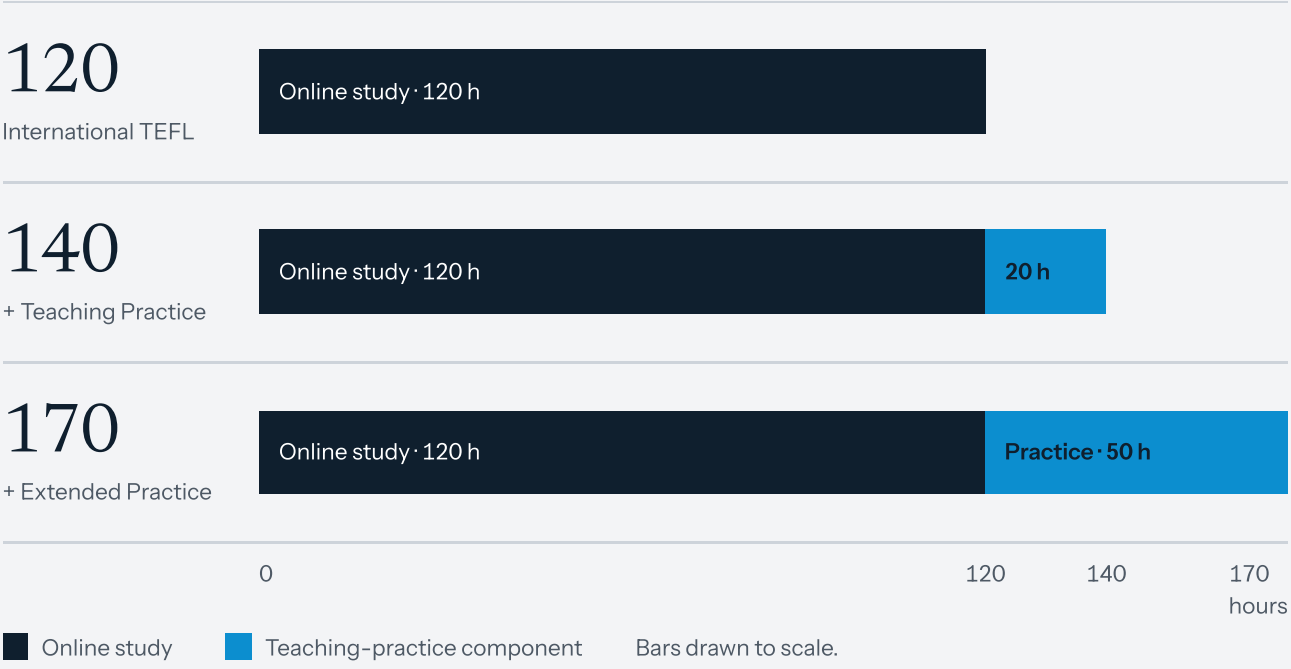
4 Read the financial terms

The course fee is non-refundable. Confirm the option, the timing and the physical-certificate add-on before you pay.

Three options, side by side

The main difference is the practice component

All three options share the same 120 hours of online study. The 140 and 170-hour options add a teaching-practice component of 20 or 50 hours.



About the practice component. The checkout form lists it as “20 hours In-class practicums” (140-hour option) and “50 hours In-class practicums” (170-hour option). This guide does not describe how practice is arranged, supervised or recorded. Ask LCTT before you choose the 140 or 170-hour option, especially if your target program needs evidence of observed teaching.

Compare the details

	120 hours International TEFL	140 hours International TEFL + Teaching Practice	170 hours International TEFL + Extended Practice
Korvia price	USD 249	USD 349	USD 449
Listed regular price	USD 299	USD 399	USD 499
Online study	120 hours	120 hours	120 hours
Teaching practice	No separate component listed	20 hours	50 hours
Priority grading	Listed	Not listed	Not listed
Physical certificate	USD 35 add-on*	USD 35 add-on*	USD 35 add-on*

* The checkout form says applicants for public-school positions in Korea are required to have the physical certificate; EPIK's published document list asks for proof of completion, so ask EPIK whether a digital certificate is accepted. Priority grading appears only in the 120-hour option's list on korvia.com/tefl, which does not describe it. All three options list tutor support and include a digital certificate. The course fee is non-refundable. Prices in USD, charged by LCTT, including course materials and a digital certificate. Checked on korvia.com/tefl and the checkout form on 26 October 2026 (the site dates its prices 24 August 2026); the checkout terms at the time of payment apply.

The 120-hour option

Online study; no separate teaching-practice component is listed. It is above EPIK's 100-hour minimum on hours. EPIK also requires an accredited program, so confirm acceptance before you enrol.

The 140 or 170-hour option

The same online study plus a teaching-practice component. Choose the practice level that matches how much teaching practice you want, after asking how practice is arranged.

What you study

The skills behind a lesson

Methodology

Grammar

Phonology

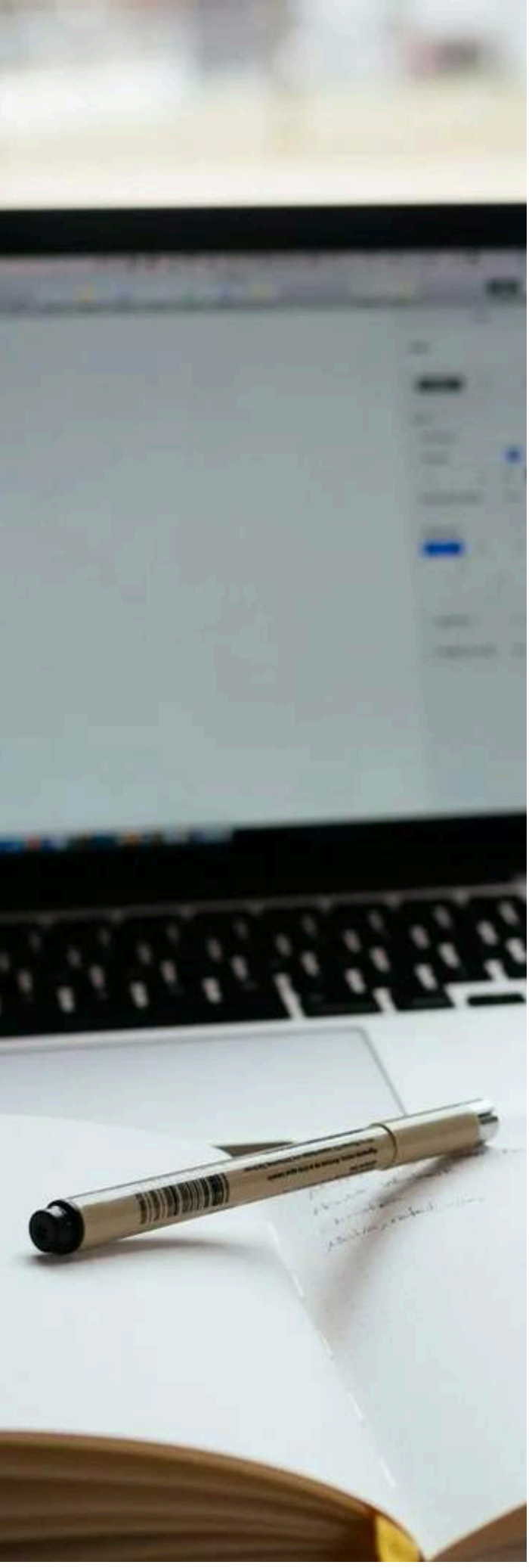
Language skills

Lesson planning

Teaching practice

Included in the 140 and 170-hour options.

Subject areas as listed on korvia.com/tefl. LCTT's website describes its course as covering language systems, language-learning methodologies, grammar and lesson planning. A module-by-module outline is not included in this guide; ask LCTT if your program needs one.



How the study works

On your own schedule

Online and self-paced

You decide when and how fast to work through the online study.

24/7 access

LCTT lists 24/7 online course access.

Tutor support

Korvia lists tutor support in all three options.

Assessments

You submit the assessments the course requires.

Time to finish

Korvia's course information says many learners finish the 120-hour option in about two to three months. Your own time will vary.

Not covered here

The course access period and any extension or resubmission terms are not listed in this guide. Ask LCTT if they matter for your timeline.

From enrolment to certificate

From payment to certificate

1

Choose and pay

Select the 120, 140 or 170-hour option in Korvia's checkout form. Payment is made between you and LCTT.

2

Receive access

Within 24 working hours after payment is confirmed: Monday to Friday, Korea Standard Time, excluding Korean public holidays.

3

Complete the coursework

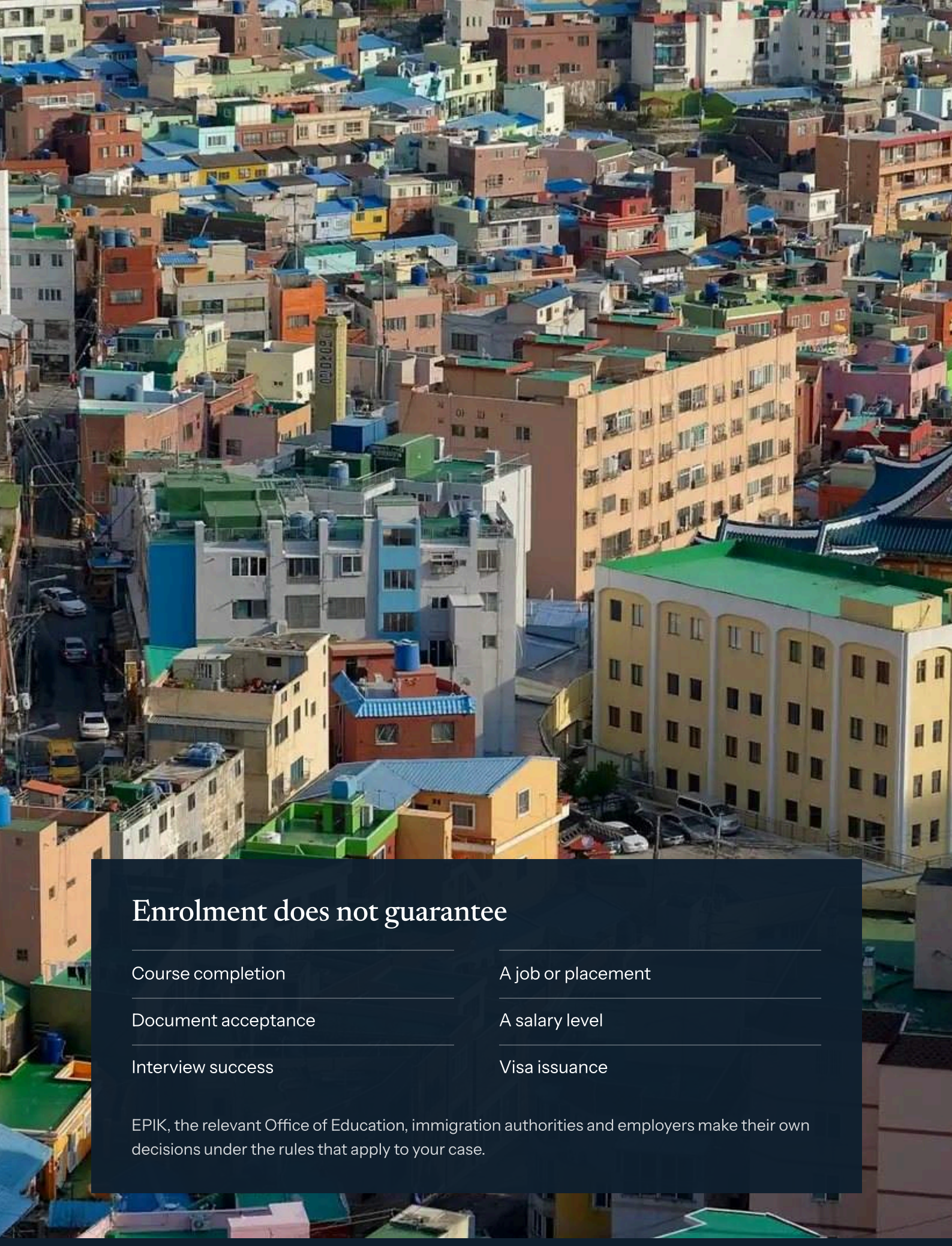
Study online and submit the assessments the course requires.

4

Practice and certificate

On the 140 and 170-hour options, complete the practice component. Digital certificate included; physical certificate USD 35 (see page 17).

Individual completion time varies. Course questions before or after payment go to LCTT (contact details on page 20).



Enrolment does not guarantee

Course completion	A job or placement
Document acceptance	A salary level
Interview success	Visa issuance

EPIK, the relevant Office of Education, immigration authorities and employers make their own decisions under the rules that apply to your case.

Fees, terms and what is not promised

Read this before you pay

What the fee covers

Course materials and a digital certificate. Prices are in USD and charged by LCTT. The Korvia checkout form says its offer is only valid for candidates wishing to teach English in South Korea who match the eligibility requirements, and it lists the accepted passport countries.

Physical certificate

A physical certificate, USD 35 including printing and shipping. The checkout form says applicants for public-school positions in Korea are required to have the physical version.

Who you pay

Korvia presents the listed partner discount and hosts the checkout form. The checkout terms state that payment is made between you and LCTT. Korvia's page adds that payment information, responsibility and liability are not passed to Korvia.

Refunds

The course fee is non-refundable. Review the option, the eligibility considerations and the terms before paying.

Terms as published on korvia.com/tefl, checked 26 October 2026.

Who does what

Two organizations, two roles

London College of Teachers & Trainers

LCTT provides the course materials and the certification. On its website, LCTT describes itself as UK-registered and lists registered offices in London and Bengaluru, among others. Its website gives LCTT as the trading name for AP LCT Education.

For this course

Provides the course materials and the certificate. The checkout terms state that payment is made between you and LCTT. Korvia directs course questions to LCTT.

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For this course

Presents the partner discount and hosts the checkout form. Korvia offers only the three options listed on korvia.com/tefl: 120, 140 and 170 hours. Other course lengths on LCTT's website are not sold through Korvia.

Questions people ask

Short answers

How many TEFL hours does EPIK require?

EPIK publishes a minimum of 100 hours from an accredited program for applicants whose degree is not in an exempt field. The 120-hour option is above that on hours; confirm with EPIK or your recruiter that the course is accepted.

Does buying the course guarantee EPIK acceptance or a job?

No. A course purchase does not guarantee document acceptance, interview success, placement, visa issuance or employment.

Can I enrol without a bachelor's degree?

The course does not list a degree as an enrolment requirement. The Korvia checkout form says its offer is only valid for candidates wishing to teach English in South Korea who match the eligibility requirements. Teaching jobs have their own degree and nationality requirements (EPIK's are on page 5), so check your target role first.

How long does the course take?

It is self-paced. Korvia's course information says many learners finish the 120-hour option in about two to three months; your time will vary.

When is course access issued?

Within 24 working hours after payment confirmation. Working hours are Monday to Friday, Korea Standard Time, excluding Korean public holidays.

Is the course fee refundable?

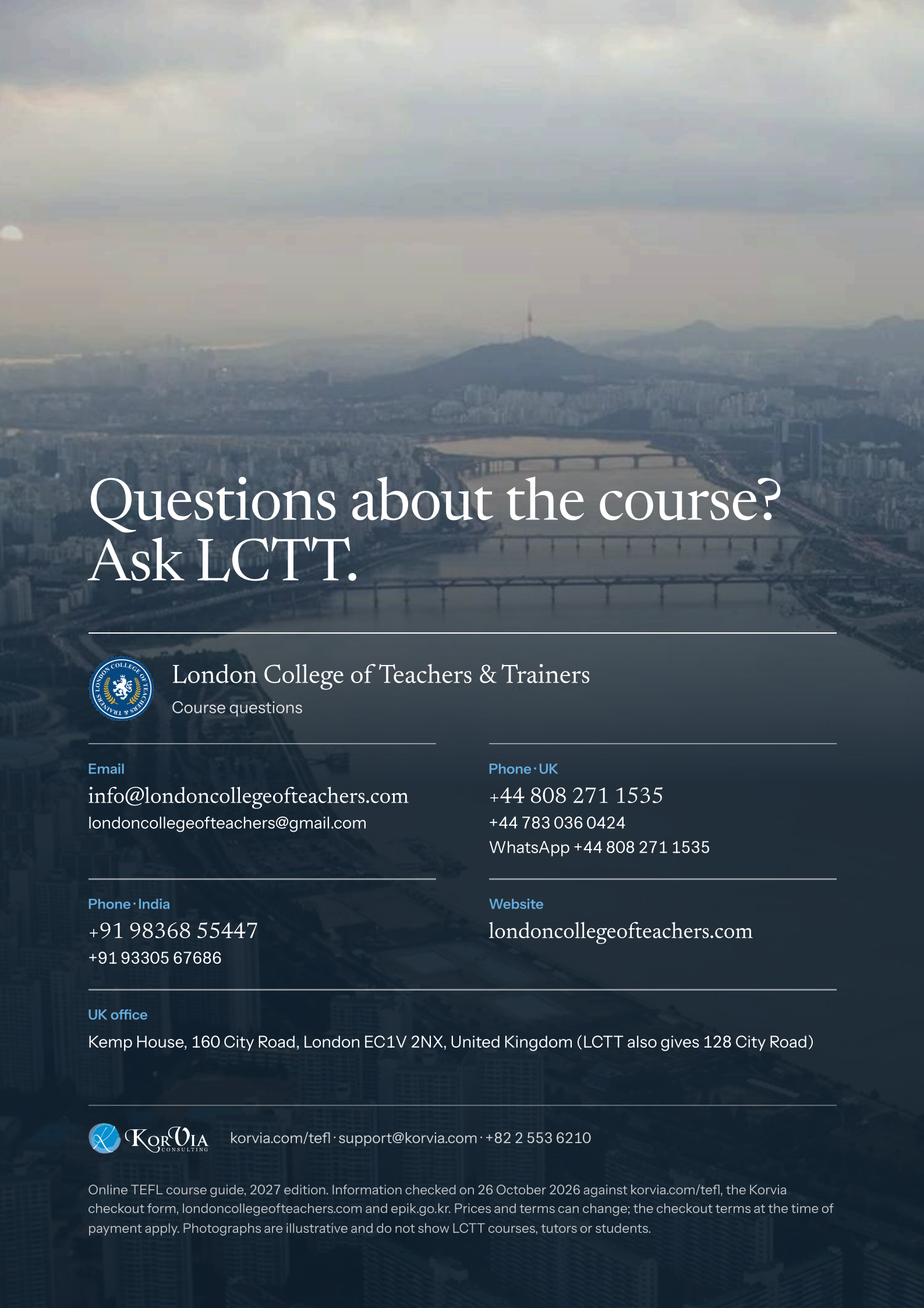
No. The checkout terms state that the course fee is non-refundable.

Does the price include a certificate?

The price includes a digital certificate. A physical certificate is a USD 35 add-on; the checkout form says public-school applicants in Korea are required to have one.

Who do I ask?

Questions about the course (options, access, practice, certificates) go to LCTT. Whether a program accepts the course is for that program or your recruiter. LCTT's contact details are on the next page.



Questions about the course? Ask LCTT.

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