



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

ABOUT TESL ONTARIO

Vision Statement: TESL Ontario is a supportive community empowering educational professionals to help English language learners thrive.

Mission Statement: TESL Ontario provides support and direction to professionals, government bodies and learners involved in English as a Second Language in Ontario.

Established in 1972, TESL Ontario is a non-profit organization serving the needs of English language training professionals in Ontario.

Also, TESL Ontario, as an accrediting agency, provides professional designation to practitioners, programs, and courses in the field of TESL through establishing and implementing the accreditation/approval standards for language instructors, TESL trainers, Post TESL Certificate Training (PTCT) instructors, TESL training programs and PTCT courses.

A Membership in TESL Ontario provides you with:

- The ability to remain abreast of language training news and happenings through member communications.
- The resources to refine language training skills through professional development and networking.
- Enhanced professional credibility for individuals working and looking for work in the field of language training.

TESL ONTARIO MEMBER SERVICES

TWO for the price of one!

When you join TESL Ontario you also become a member of a local TESL Ontario Affiliate Chapter of your choice.

PUBLICATIONS

- TESL Ontario *Contact*
- TESL Ontario *Membership Minute* e-newsletter
- TESL Ontario *News Brief*
- TESL Ontario *Conference Communiqué*
- TESL Ontario *Blog*

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- TESL Ontario Annual Conference
- Numerous TESL local affiliate chapter education & PD events
- ESL week – a celebration of teachers and learners
- FREE access to TESL Ontario online webcasts
- FREE Access to bi-monthly webinars
- Access to TESL Ontario Online Registries
- Networking opportunities
- Access to online job listings and volunteer listings



INFORMATION & RESEARCH

- Participate in current research studies
- Access to research reports relevant to our field
- Access to useful resources related to language training

BENEFITS PROGRAMS

- Group insurance for health, home, auto and travel
- Select national retail program discounts
- Variety of discounts for local attractions, including theme parks and theatre
- Various free and discounted museum admissions
- Special pricing on services such as financial products

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Follow TESL Ontario on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest and TESL Ontario Blog



- Participate in focus groups
- Participate on TESL Ontario Working Committees
- Serve on the TESL Ontario Board
- Present at conferences, affiliate chapter events and online webinars
- Volunteer with your local affiliate chapter and the annual TESL Ontario conference
- Write for TESL Ontario publications, contact e-magazine, TESL Ontario Blog.

MEMBER CLASSIFICATIONS



Standard Membership: For individuals working in the English language training profession who are not required by their employer to be TESL Ontario Accredited. This category is also available to ESL Volunteers, Retirees and Students at a reduced rate. New members can apply online by visiting the Membership Centre on the TESL Ontario website.

Accredited Membership: Accredited membership status applies to Language Instructors accredited by TESL Ontario.

TESL ONTARIO ACCREDITATION/APPROVAL CATEGORIES



TESL Ontario accepts applications for: Language Instructor Accreditation, TESL Trainer/PTCT Instructor Approval, TESL Training Program Accreditation, and Post TESL Certificate Training (PTCT) Course Approval.

For details about TESL Ontario accreditation approval, including application process, requirements and fees, please visit the Accreditation section of the TESL Ontario website.

Please note that individuals with prior TESL training have the option to apply for TESL Ontario Language Instructor Accreditation through the **TESL Ontario PLAR Assessment**. PLAR assessment gives applicants an official statement of exactly what gaps exist between their previous TESL training (and ESL teaching experience) and TESL Ontario's required courses and practicum. As a result, they will be required to take only the additional coursework needed to qualify for the TESL Ontario Language Instructor Certificate of Accreditation.

POST TESL CERTIFICATE TRAINING (PTCT)



Post TESL Certificate Training (PTCT) offers instructors an opportunity to further their knowledge and skills in specialized content areas such as designing and developing teaching materials, Occupation Specific Language, teaching pronunciation, Canadian Language Benchmarks, and teaching English for Academic Purposes.

For more details about the TESL Ontario approved PTCT courses go to the PTCT section of the TESL Ontario website.

TESL ONTARIO ONLINE REGISTRIES

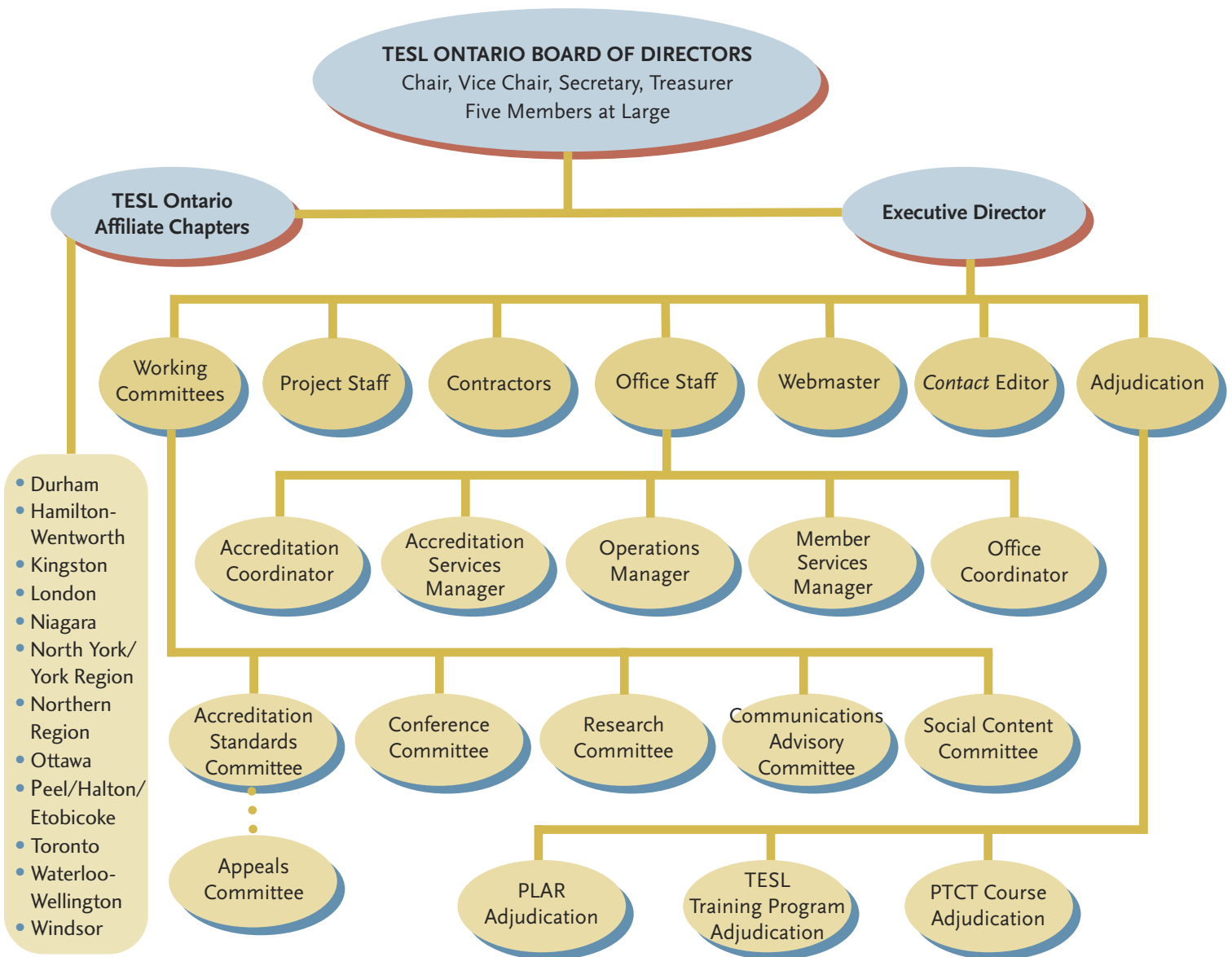


TESL Ontario provides two online Registries: Registry of Accredited Language Instructors and Registry of Approved TESL Trainers/PTCT Instructors. TESL Ontario members can check their accreditation/approval record, and download and print their certificate at any time through the Registries.

Also, program administrators can verify the current accreditation/approval status of their language instructors or TESL trainers and PTCT instructors using the Registries. To access the Registries, please visit the Registries section of the TESL Ontario website.



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