Summary of what is the same and what is adapted

about the online versions of Trinity's ESOL Skills for Life
speaking and listening exams in registered centres

Exam feature	Process (Same or Adapted)	Description
Exam levels	Same	The online delivery version of Trinity's ESOL Skills for Life (SfL) speaking and listening (S&L) exams cover all levels Entry 1 – Level 2
Exam format	Same	Trinity Skills for Life Speaking and Listening exams include two components: Individual exam (Component 1) and Group discussion (Component 2)
Exam construct	Same	Candidates take the same communicative Speaking and Listening exam.
Assessment criteria and amplification criteria	Same	Examiners assess candidates using the same assessment criteria as for standard format exams. The online delivery format exams aim to measure the same amplification criteria.
Alignment to Adult ESOL Core Curriculum (AECC)	Same	The online delivery format exams continue to be aligned to the ESOL AECC.
Exam structure – Individual exam (Component 1)	Same	The Component 1 individual part of the online exams has the same number of tasks and the same length as the standard format exams. In the online delivery version, candidates engage in the same one-to-one authentic conversation with the examiner, via Zoom instead of in person.
Exam structure – Group discussion (Component 2)	Adapted	**Two candidates** participate in the Component 2, Group Discussion. Both candidates sit in the exam room and both join the examiner in the virtual Zoom exam room The length of the group discussion is adjusted to account of the reduced number of candidates: • Entry 1 – 4 minutes • Entry 2 – 5 minutes • Entry 3 – 6 minutes • Level 1 – 7 minutes • Level 2 – 8 minutes
Task 1 (Entry 1 to Level 2)	Adapted	At Entry levels 1,2,3 and Level 1: **Candidates pre-select a photograph from a Trinity photograph bank** which will be used as a stimulus for the conversation for Task 1. Candidates do not need to print the photo. At the start of the task the examiner will ask the candidate which photo they have chosen, the candidate tells the examiner the number on their chosen photograph, and the examiner will display the photo on the screen. At Level 2: **Candidates can write the key points** of their presentation using the Template provided by Trinity. No other material is required for the presentation. The presentation notes are not assessed.

Task 2	Same	For Task 2 at Entry 1 and Entry 2: Examiner shares the visual used as a prompt for the conversation with the candidate using 'Share screen'. Entry 3 – Level 2: Task 2 for the online speaking and listening exams remains the same as for the standard format exams.
Task 3 Role play	Same	Task 3 role play at Entry 2 and above for online speaking and listening exams remains the same as the standard format exams.
Operational features		
Exam venue	Same	Exams to be administered in registered exam centre venues.
Technology	Adapted	Centres will be informed about appropriate computer hardware, Zoom video conferencing software and defined internet speed requirements. Details are also listed in FAQSs and the Additional Information document provided.
Booking the exam	Adapted	From mid-December 2020 centres can select 'online version' of the SfL speaking and listening exam when entering candidates into the Trinity booking system.
Timetabling	Adapted	The timetable will be automatically generated following the booking and will be available on the Trinity Portal. Centres have the option to make timetable adjustments until 72 hours before the exam.
Method of showing ID	Adapted	The centre is responsible for verifying the candidate's identity. Candidate's name is entered onscreen spelt as per booking form. An onscreen notice explains that the session will be recorded and states that candidates must be the same named person taking the exam. The examiner will ask the candidate to confirm their name.
Block booking	Adapted	Not available as candidates are booked individually.
Exam fees	Adapted	Exams are charged on an individual basis as block bookings are not available. Individual fees are comparable to block booking fees. Please refer to the fee sheet for these exams.
Meeting with centre staff	Adapted	Examiners will start the Zoom meeting approximately 15 minutes before the first candidate's exam is scheduled in order to check the timetable and to prepare for the exam.
Mark sheets and report forms	Adapted	Centres do not need to print mark sheets or report forms
Results and certificates	Same	There is no change to how results and certificates are issued

Note: The number of candidates in the Group discussion and adaptations to Task 1 at E1-L1 are reflected in Specifications adapted under VCRF arrangements. Please note that these adaptations will apply to live face-to-face exams when they resume.

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