

## Professional Speaking for Migrants

Please read the introduction to the Professional Speaking syllabus here:

<https://www.speechnz.co.nz/syllabus/professional-speaking/>

The same Speech New Zealand Professional Speaking syllabus is used in courses which have been developed to address the speech communication needs of migrants for whom English is not their first language. The courses typically run over three months, one three-hour class per week, followed by the Speech NZ examination for the Certificate in Professional Speaking. The criteria used in the examination of students who have completed the Professional Speaking for Migrants courses are exactly the same as for candidates for whom English is their first language.

### Who will benefit from doing this course?

- Migrants who have a good knowledge of English but who need to develop their ability to speak with confidence and clarity.
- Migrants who are preparing for job interviews or who want to gain promotion at work.
- Migrants wanting to develop their listening skills when in conversation with those who speak New Zealand English.
- Migrants who do interpreting and translating between their first language and English.

### What will you learn?

- Speaking in front of an audience about your job, skills, experience, or community interests.
- Making social speeches, such as introducing a speaker, farewelling a colleague, or speaking at a funeral.
- Reading aloud in a way that maintains the interest and understanding of an audience.
- Developing and presenting talks using PowerPoint.
- Listening to talks and providing constructive feedback.
- Participating in work-related role plays such as dealing with complaining customers or doing job interviews.

Click this link <https://www.speechnz.co.nz/syllabus/professional-speaking/> to download the syllabus to find more information about the examination and the learning outcomes of these courses.

These courses are offered in Whangarei, Auckland, Rotorua, New Plymouth, Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, Nelson and Invercargill. Courses can be run in other centres if there is a demand. Contact Speech NZ on [info@speech.co.nz](mailto:info@speech.co.nz) for more information and to find out who to contact in your region.

Information about migrants who have done the Professional Speaking for Migrants course and about the organisations offering these courses can be found on LINKZ magazine on pages 24-27 and 38-41:

[https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/files/images/resources/LINKZ%20issue%2061\\_Web.pdf](https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/files/images/resources/LINKZ%20issue%2061_Web.pdf)

There are more stories about the impact that these courses have had on the lives of skilled migrants in ClipBoard: <https://www.speechnz.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Clipboard-2014-03-as-at-2014-03-12.pdf>

Organisations such as English Language Partners and Multicultural Councils interested in delivering these courses can contact Margriet Theron on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) for guidance.