



## **Become an Australian citizen at ACL**

Thinking of becoming an Australian citizen?

At ACL, the largest provider of high quality English language education in Australia, the "Let's Participate" citizenship course is being taught at several locations across Sydney or by Distance Learning.

ACL Group Managing Director Helen Zimmerman said the course is ideal for members of the community who are thinking of becoming Australian citizens.

"The course has been delivered as part of the Adult Migrant English Programme (AMEP) since 2001," she said.

"ACL has been working since 1998 to educate and settle newly arrived migrants and refugees as part of the AMEP.

"We work actively to assist in rebuilding the lives of newly arrived migrants and refugees and provide support and skills for them to contribute to the economy and community of Australia."

A new advertising campaign about this course is currently being run in suburban ethnic press.

Ms Zimmerman said more than 10,000 students from ACL Colleges have successfully completed this course and it has helped them on their journey towards citizenship and beyond.

"The popular course is available to all students as part of their AMEP entitlement, as well as being available to non-AMEP students for \$250," she said.

"It not only helps them understand the process and concept of citizenship, it is also a great opportunity to learn more about Australia."

The course involves 30 hours of study with every participant receiving a workbook and being placed into a class according to their level of English.

Students are taught by an experienced teacher and will progress through the workbook using computer-assisted CDs/DVDs.

The course covers such areas as Australia and its people; democratic government in Australia; your rights, responsibilities and privileges as a citizen; law and democracy in Australia; and becoming an Australian Citizen.

Upon successful completion AMEP eligible students receive an AMEP Citizenship, Responsibilities and Privilege Record.

For AMEP eligible students, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship will not test for this at interview stage in the process of becoming a citizen.

Courses are run throughout the year at such locations as Auburn, Parramatta, Blacktown, Cabramatta, Ermington, Fairfield, Liverpool, Campbelltown or by Distance Learning.

If you are thinking of becoming an Australian citizen, contact ACL on 1300 798 111 and ask about the "Let's Participate" citizenship course.

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