

SFA Purpose Statement	
Qualification Title	IBSL Entry Level Award in British Sign Language (Entry 3)
Qualification Number	601/7539/4
Qualification Overview: Introduction	<p>The IBSL Entry Award in British Sign Language Studies (Entry 3) is a stand-alone qualification that has been designed to provide an introduction to British Sign Language and can be used as an induction tool for a learner who has no or little experience of work, or intends to return to work. These induction tools are typically used to prepare such learners for a life of work.</p> <p>It has been mapped to the National Occupational Standards for Languages established by SkillsCFA.</p> <p>The qualification consists of 3 mandatory units (The Total Qualification Time is 60 hours, with a Guided Learning element of 30 hours Guided learning.) and is designed to introduce learners to simple and basic skills in British Sign Language to provide a useful communication tool for use with Deaf people (and others who may have learning difficulties) in everyday topics.</p> <p>The primary outcome of the qualification is to enable learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gain basic underpinning knowledge of British Sign Language skills ▪ Gain in confidence by developing study skills which may be relevant to future work placements. ▪ Overcome barriers to further learning as weaknesses are addressed in a positive way ▪ Re-engage with learning in a measured and staged manner ▪ Prepare for the completion of the full assessment in British Sign Language Studies at Entry Level 3 <p>This qualification requires no prior knowledge, attainment or experience. This qualification is available to learners aged 14 and over.</p> <p>This qualification is aimed at a range of learners including those who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ wish to acquire basic British Sign Language skills for the purpose of holding simple communication with Deaf people, including: family, friends and colleagues; ▪ need to acquire BSL skills as part of a programme of study or professional development; ▪ are studying for personal development with a view to future employment. ▪ could gain personal development skills in aiding

	communication.
What could this qualification lead to?	<p>This qualification offers learners the opportunity to develop and identify individual and personal skills through engaging in the learning of basic British Sign Language skills, giving a focus in recognising progress towards supported employment.</p> <p>It is possible for the learner to progress if desired to the IBSL Level 1 Award in British Sign Language or other Level 1 deaf-related qualifications such as those for Deaf Awareness and/or Deafblind Awareness.</p>
What comprises the qualification?	<p>The qualification consists of three units, all of which are mandatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand basic information in British Sign Language • Take part in and follow simple conversations in British Sign Language • Develop strategies to acquire simple and basic British Sign Language skills
How is the qualification assessed and delivered?	<p>Assessment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an externally set and marked examination • one Centre-marked practical assessment • a reflective learning log. <p>The qualification can be delivered in a school, college or any other learning setting using a combination of practical workshops and theory sessions.</p>
Who supports this qualification?	<p>The following FE Colleges, course deliverers and employers recognise this qualification as a progression route in British Sign Language Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Derby Adult Learning Services ▪ West Cheshire College ▪ Wirral Metropolitan College ▪ British Deaf History Society ▪ Deafness Support Network
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