

SFA Purpose Statement	
Qualification Title	IBSL Level 3 Award in Deafblind Communication
Qualification Number	601/2497/0
Qualification Overview: Introduction	The IBSL Level 3 Award in Deafblind Communication is one of a range of qualifications that have been develop to further learners' experiences and development in communication deafblind people on everyday topics daily life contexts. A Level 3 Course will enable development in functional Deafblind communication to a level where there is ease in the working relationship between a Deafblind person and the communicator requiring the ability to exchange, present and understand information, ideas, advice and opinions at a normal speed.
	This qualification has been developed in accordance with the National Language Standards at Level 3 and (for one unit) the National Occupational Standards for Intercultural Working (2008).
	This qualification is divided into three units as follows -:
	<ul> <li>Understand Varied Signed Language in a range of work</li> <li>Sign using varied language in a range of work(DB) contexts</li> <li>Interact with Deafblind people</li> </ul>
	All three units can be achieved separately, but the full level 3 Award in Deafblind Communication can only be given if there is a PASS in each unit.
	The Total Qualification Time is 100 hours, with a Guided Learning element of 40 hours Guided Learning. Please note "private learning" includes live interaction with Deafblind people to learn to use different modes of communication.
	The Level 3 Award in Deafblind Communication is suitable for those who:
	<ul> <li>Wish to acquire varied Deafblind communication skills at normal speed and in normally used social and work registers for the purpose of working or interacting with Deafblind people on a daily or regular basis</li> <li>Need to require Deafblind communication skills as part of a programme of study or professional development</li> <li>Are studying for personal development with a view to future employment</li> <li>Wish to progress from the Level 2 in Deafblind Communication.</li> </ul>



	The primary outcome of the qualification is to enable learners to:
	<ul> <li>Understand and present information, ideas and opinions in a range of work-related and social contexts using a variety of Deafblind communication methods delivered at normal speed and in normally used social and work contexts</li> <li>Extract specific details and grasp overall meanings form a range of short passages in Deafblind communication delivered at normal speeds , using a variety of Deafblind communication methods</li> <li>Maintain business relationships and manage/follow uncomplicated negotiations relating to issues/concerns in your area of work delivered in Deafblind communication at normal speed and in normally used social and work registers</li> <li>Take part in discussions relating to varied accounts, reports and instructions delivered in Deafblind communication</li> <li>Develop interactive communication skills with Deafblind people who have different cultural experiences and perspectives to your own and understand/appreciate why these different exist</li> <li>Evaluate and reflect on performance and promote personal professional development</li> <li>These objectives relate to the National Occupational Standards at Level 3 as developed by CILT, plus the National Occupational Standards for Intercultural Working.</li> <li>It is recommended that learners should have the Level 2 Award in Deafblind Communication Studies before embarking on the Level 3</li> <li>Award in Deafblind Communication Studies programme.</li> </ul>
	This qualification is available to learners of in the 19+ age ranges.
What could this qualification lead to?	This qualification offers learners the opportunity to progress to:  • Level 4 BSL Studies • Level 6 BSL Studies • Level 6 Interpreting Studies
What comprises the qualification?	<ul> <li>This qualification is divided into three units as follows -:</li> <li>Understand Varied Signed Language in a range of work</li> <li>Sign using varied language in a range of work(DB) contexts</li> <li>Interact with Deafblind people</li> </ul>



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How is the qualification assessed and delivered?	<ul> <li>short assessments (one for reception and one for production) that are one-way dialogues</li> <li>Two conversations and discussions recorded and marked by your teacher-assessor and the relevant mark sheets, plus video-recorded evidence, stored in a coursework file (or an efile maintained electronically)</li> <li>A "relay" assessment where the Learner relays a summarisation of a lecture to the Deafblind person</li> <li>One written question and answer paper will be set to cover knowledge topics in one or more units. As an alternative, this may be done in an oral (signed) version – this should also be filmed</li> <li>One evaluative assignment</li> <li>The qualification can be delivered in a school, college or any other learning setting using a combination of practical workshops and theory sessions.</li> </ul>
Who supports this qualification?	The following FE Colleges, course deliverers and employers recognise this qualification as a progression route in British Sign Language Studies:  British Deaf History Society Sign On! Training & Consultancy Signworld Signs for Thoughts
For further information:	Please contact IBSL at <u>www.ibsl.org.uk</u>