

SFA Purpose Statement	
Qualification Title	IBSL Level 4 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies
Qualification Number	600/3505/5
Qualification Overview: Introduction	<p>The IBSL Level 4 Award in British Sign Language Studies (QCF) is one of a range of qualifications that have been developed to provide stepping stones leading to qualified sign language interpreter status, or a career working with Deaf people in situations where the use of sign language is an everyday communication tool. It is the penultimate qualification required before a learner can take the Level 6 qualifications required to become a registered British Sign Language interpreter and 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 120 hours with 60 hours of Guided Learning) and is designed for learners who wish to further their development in the acquisition of fluent BSL skills, requiring the ability to exchange, present and understand information, ideas, advice and opinions at an extended level, and also develop an understanding of the linguistic structure of the language.</p> <p>The primary outcome of the qualification is to enable learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handle most aspects of the signed communication required in social settings and in their day-to-day work, including the unpredictable. This includes the use of relevant technical vocabulary. ▪ Develop and maintain advanced business relationships, negotiations and contributing to discussions over extended periods ▪ Prepare for the completion of the full assessment in British Sign Language Studies at Level 4 ▪ Acquire the range of British Sign Language skills required to function at extended periods and in depth, especially in the workplace or at school/college ▪ Gain in confidence by developing study skills which are relevant to a range of communicator placements. <p>Ideally, the learner should already have achieved the IBSL Level 3 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies before taking this qualification.</p> <p>This qualification is available to learners of in the 19+ age ranges.</p> <p>This qualification is aimed at a range of learners including those who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wish to acquire and utilise British Sign Language skills at normal

	<p>speed over extended periods in a wide range of social and work situations, signing accurately enough to be easily understood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need to acquire and utilise BSL skills as part of a programme of professional development, for example, as a Communication Support Worker or work towards Registered Sign Language Interpreter status • wish to progress from the IBSL Level 3 Certificate. <p>The qualification is also suitable for Deaf people wishing to acquire a qualification in their own language, especially for the purpose of becoming a Deaf Teacher or working towards Deaf Interpreter status.</p>
<p>What could this qualification lead to?</p>	<p>This qualification offers learners the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress towards the acquisition of British Sign Language skills and competency required in employment such as a Teacher of Deaf people, Communication Support Worker or work towards Registered Sign Language Interpreter status ▪ Engage in work-based learning ▪ Act as a stepping stone towards other, higher qualifications within the British Sign Language Studies suite of qualifications that may enable them to qualify as Sign Language Interpreters or Communication Support Workers ▪ Understand the importance of accuracy in the relay of voice or signed passages to other people.
<p>What comprises the qualification?</p>	<p>The qualification consists of three units, all of which are mandatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand Extended Signed Language in a range of work contexts • Sign using Extended language in a range of work contexts • Exploring Linguistics in British Sign Language
<p>How is the qualification assessed and delivered?</p>	<p>Assessment includes at least four externally set and marked examinations in a mixed multiple-choice/Q&A or essay format, plus Centre-marked practical and/or theory assessments collated as part of a coursework file.</p> <p>Assessment is completed when an External Examiner visits the centre to conduct a live observation.</p> <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>
<p>Who supports this qualification?</p>	<p>The following FE Colleges, course deliverers and employers recognise this qualification as a progression route in British Sign Language</p>

	<p>Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ West Cheshire College▪ Wirral Metropolitan College▪ British Deaf History Society▪ Sign On! Training & Consultancy▪ Signworld▪ Deafness Support Network▪ Signed Up▪ Hackney Community College▪ Grwp Llandrillo Menai
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