

SFA Purpose Statement	
Qualification Title	IBSL Level 6 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies
Qualification Number	601/0420/X
Qualification Overview: Introduction	<p>The IBSL Level 6 Award in British Sign Language Studies 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 Interpreting qualifications required to become a registered British Sign Language interpreter and has been mapped to the National Occupational Standards for Languages established by Skills CFA. This qualification has been approved by NRCDP. This qualification aims to further the learning needs of those who have already acquired competence at Level 4 in British Sign Language (BSL) with Deaf people at an extended level. Learners successfully acquiring Level 6 BSL Studies must be able to demonstrate competence at this level of the UK Occupational Language Standards (CILT, 2010). This means that the learner will be able to understand and use complex in BSL in a range of work and social situations.</p> <p>The qualification consists of 3 mandatory units (The Total Qualification Time is 100, with a Guided Learning element of 40 hours 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. ▪ Take an active role in complex situations using BSL ▪ Maintain fluent and accurate BSL over extended periods within their area of expertise ▪ Understand and use a complex range of vocabulary and technical language ▪ Follow and formulate presentations, proposals and agreements in the support of theories and / or ideas. ▪ Develop and maintain advanced business relationships, negotiations and contributing to discussions over extended periods ▪ Understand and use with accuracy most colloquial and

	<p>idiosyncratic BSL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demonstrate an understanding of BSL Linguistics theory and practice ▪ Prepare for the completion of the full assessment in British Sign Language Studies at Level 6 ▪ 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 ▪ Relay information informally to and from BSL <p>Ideally, the learner should already have achieved the IBSL Level 4 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 speed over extended periods in a wide range of complex work and social situations. • need to acquire and utilise BSL skills as part of a programme of professional development, for example, as a trainee interpreter or a teaching professional/lecture at University or College level where advanced BSL subjects are being taught • wish to progress from the IBSL Level 4 Certificate. <p>The qualification is also suitable for Deaf people wishing to acquire a qualification in their own language, as part of a progression route 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 trainee interpreter or a teaching professional/lecture at University or College level where advanced BSL subjects are being taught ▪ 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 complex BSL in a wide range of work situations • Use complex BSL in a wide range of work situations • BSL Linguistics Theory & Practice
<p>How is the qualification assessed and delivered?</p>	<p>There are three units comprising of eight modules. All modules must be completed to achieve the qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVD receptive – question and answer sheet • BSL to Voice Translation Skills – summarise instructions given by DVD or for example; webcam, facetime or Skype and relay information • Presentation of Deaf Humour • Presentation of Deaf Folklore • Debate – current affairs topic given by iBSL • Linguistic Essay – 2000 words • DVD Linguistics Observation – with multiple choice questions • ‘Live’ scenario – observed by an External Examiner <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 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 ▪ Sign Solutions
<p>For further information:</p>	<p>Please contact iBSL at www.ibsl.org.uk</p>