

SFA Purpose Statement	
Qualification Title	IBSL Level 1 Award in British Sign Language Studies
Qualification Number	501/1279/X
Qualification Overview: Introduction	<p>The IBSL Level 1 Award in British Sign Language Studies is one of a range of qualifications that have been developed to provide stepping stones in a pathway that could ultimately lead towards 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 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 66 hours, with a Guided Learning element of 50 hours Guided learning) and is designed for learners who wish to develop suitable and sufficient skills to communicate with Deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL) on everyday topics and progress if required to the next level of BSL learning.</p> <p>The primary outcome of the qualification is to enable learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gain underpinning British Sign Language skills ▪ Prepare for the completion of the full assessment in British Sign Language Studies at Level 1 ▪ Develop the skills required to move into the world of work or work-based learning ▪ Overcome barriers to further learning as weaknesses are addressed in a positive way ▪ Re-engage with learning in a measured and staged manner ▪ Gain in confidence by developing study skills which are relevant to a range of work placements. <p>This qualification requires no prior knowledge, attainment or experience. This qualification is available to learners of all age ranges, especially those in the 14-18, 18+ and 19+ age ranges.</p> <p>This qualification is aimed at a range of learners including those:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ adults seeking to progress to further education and training who wish to develop and demonstrate their skills in BSL ▪ who wish to acquire basic British Sign Language skills for the purpose of holding simple communication with Deaf people, including by family, friends and colleagues; ▪ who need to acquire BSL skills as part of a programme of study or professional development;

<p>What could this qualification lead to?</p>	<p>This qualification will help learners towards the following progression routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 2 and Level 3 British Sign Language Studies enabling them to develop the skills and knowledge outlined in National Occupational Standards in a staged and managed way so that learners can build on success ▪ Employment as learners learn basic skills to enable them to function in a range of jobs available within the Deaf community and in wider society where Deaf people access services ▪ Work-based learning ▪ Employment <p>The skills developed will be important in a wide range of occupational areas such as health and social care, where it is necessary to produce and access a range of information that can be conveyed and understood by Deaf people whose functional language is BSL and to develop interactive skills with this group of people.</p>
<p>How is the qualification assessed and delivered?</p>	<p>Assessment includes an externally set and marked examination, as well as Centre marked practical and/or theory assessments.</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"> ▪ Derby Adult Learning Service ▪ West Cheshire College ▪ Wirral Metropolitan College ▪ British Deaf History Society ▪ Sign On! Training & Consultancy ▪ Deafness Support Network
<p>For further information:</p>	<p>Please contact IBSL at www.ibsl.org.uk</p>