

SFA Purpose Statement	
Qualification Title	IBSL Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness
Qualification Number	501/1493/1
Qualification Overview: Introduction	<p>The IBSL Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness qualification introduces the learner to basic-level knowledge and understanding about deaf awareness, and what it means to be deaf and what can be done to improve access for D/deaf people in society.</p> <p>The Total Qualification Time is 10 hours, with a Guided Learning element of 6 hours Guided Learning.</p> <p>This qualification is suitable for those who arrange one-day courses, where at least 6 hours is taught in class or a workshop environment with a follow-up assessment at the end. The Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness is suitable for those who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wish to acquire a basic understanding and awareness of deafness and deaf people; • Need to acquire the knowledge as part of a programme of study or professional development; • Are studying for personal development with a view to future employment <p>The primary outcome of the qualification is to enable learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to describe the different types of D/deaf people and have hearing loss • Identify common causes of deafness • Know the numbers and types of D/deaf people in Britain, including those with hearing loss and those who are deafblind • Understand the meaning of Deaf Identity • Identify unnecessary barriers for Deaf people which have a hearing focus. <p>These objectives relates to relevant National Occupational Standards for Intercultural Working (2008).</p> <p>This qualification is available to learners of in the 14+ age ranges.</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 Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 & Level 3 British Sign Language Studies ▪ Study for personal development with a view of future employment ▪ Gain further knowledge of the deaf community and culture
<p>What comprises the qualification?</p>	<p>The qualification consists of a one-day course, where at least 6 hours is taught in class or a workshop environment with a follow-up assessment at the end. The Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness qualification will enable learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to describe the different types of D/deaf people and have hearing loss • Identify common causes of deafness • Know the numbers and types of D/deaf people in Britain, including those with hearing loss and those who are deafblind • Understand the meaning of Deaf Identity • Identify unnecessary barriers for Deaf people which have a hearing focus.
<p>How is the qualification assessed and delivered?</p>	<p>The assessment for the qualification will be 30-minute written assessment consisting of multi-choice questions under supervised conditions and are marked at iBSL.</p> <p>In future, the assessment may switch to an electronic version.</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 ▪ Hackney Community College ▪ Signed Up
<p>For further information:</p>	<p>Please contact IBSL at www.ibsl.org.uk</p>

