

SFA Purpose Statement	
Qualification Title	IBSL Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies
Qualification Number	501/0707/0
Qualification Overview: Introduction	<p>The IBSL Level 2 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 4 mandatory units (The Total Qualification Time is 120 hours, with a Guided Learning Hours of 70 hours Guided Learning) and is designed for learners who wish to further their development in communication through British Sign Language (BSL) for use with Deaf people on everyday topics involving social life and at work, school or college.</p> <p>The primary outcome of the qualification is to enable learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a wider knowledge of the skills that underpin the acquisition of British Sign Language ▪ Prepare for the completion of the full assessment in British Sign Language Studies at Level 2 ▪ Acquire sufficient British Sign Language skills required to move into the world of work in the workplace or at school/college ▪ Develop the ability to understand and present personal, social, work-related information and routine instructions in BSL ▪ Gain in confidence by developing study skills which are relevant to a range of work placements. <p>This qualification, the learner should already have achieved the IBSL Level 1 Award in British Sign Language Studies before taking this qualification.</p> <p>This qualification is available to learners of in the 18+ and 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 extended British Sign Language skills for the purpose of holding more detailed communication with Deaf people, including by family, friends and colleagues at work, school or college; • need to acquire BSL skills as part of a programme of study or professional development;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are studying for personal development with a view to future employment; • wish to progress from the Level 1 Award. <p>The qualification is also suitable for Deaf people wishing to acquire a qualification in their own language.</p>
<p>What could this qualification lead to?</p>	<p>This qualification will help learners to progress towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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>Skills developed for this qualification may also assist the learner to seek employment within the Education and Training field supporting communication for Deaf children and young adults in education.</p>
<p>How is the qualification assessed and delivered?</p>	<p>Assessment includes an externally set and marked examination, plus Centre-marked practical and/or theory assessments collated as part of a coursework file. 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 ▪ Deafness Support Network

For further information:

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