



'Promoting Quality in British Sign Language'

Qualification Specification

Level 6 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies

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Qualification Aim

This qualification aims to further the learning needs of those who have already acquired competence at Level 4 in British Sign Language (BSL) in order to communicate 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 BSL in a range of work and social situations.

This qualification has been developed in accordance with the National Language Standards at Level 6 (2010). It is equivalent to those for Modern Foreign Languages at Honours Degree level.

Qualification Structure

The qualification is divided into three units as follows:

IBSL6AUN: Understand complex BSL in a wide range of work situations	Unit Number: D/505/2884
IBSL6ASN: Use complex BSL in a wide range of work situations	Unit Number: H/505/2885
IBSL6ALN: BSL linguistics: theory and practice	Unit Number: K/505/2886

All three units can be achieved separately, but the full Level 6 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies can only be given if there is a **PASS** in each unit.

Unit Code	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	Additional Study Hours	Total Qualification Time (TQT)	Credit at Level 6
IBSL6AUN	60	60	120	12
IBSL6ASN	60	60	120	12
IBSL6ALN	60	60	120	12
Total	180	180	360	36

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) includes assessment time. Additional Study Hours includes homework, practise and private study. The Total Qualification Time (TQT) is **360** hours.

Qualification Objectives

At the end of the qualification, Learners can:

- 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 arguments in the support of theories and/or ideas
- Understand and use, with accuracy, most colloquial and idiosyncratic BSL
- Relay information informally to and from BSL
- Demonstrate an understanding of BSL linguistics theory and practice.

These objectives relate to the UK Occupational Languages Standards (2010) at Level 6 as developed by CILT.

Target Group

The Level 6 Certificate in BSL Studies is suitable for those who:

- 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/lecturer at university or college level where advanced BSL subjects are being taught
- wish to progress from the Level 4 Certificate.

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.

Entry Requirements

It is recommended that entrants should have achieved the Level 4 Certificate in BSL Studies before embarking on the Level 6 Certificate programme.

Progression Routes

Upon completion of this qualification, Learners may progress to the following qualification:

- iBSL Level 6 Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting Studies.

Assessment

Each Unit is different and is broken down into smaller “assessment” modules. All eight assessments must be passed in order to achieve a full level 6 qualification (see table below).

IBSL6AUN RECEPTIVE SKILLS	IBSL6ASN PRODUCTION SKILLS	IBSL6ALN LINGUISTIC SKILLS
IBSL6.1 <i>Receptive skills</i> Assessment 1	IBSL6.3 <i>Presentation skills</i> Assessment 3	IBSL6.6 <i>Linguistics Essay</i> Assessment 6
IBSL6.2 <i>Relay information BSL to Voice</i> Assessment 2	IBSL6.4 <i>Narrative</i> Assessment 4	IBSL6.7 <i>Linguistic Observation</i> Assessment 7
IBSL6.5 <i>Debate</i> Assessment 5	IBSL6.5 <i>Debate</i> Assessment 5	
IBSL 6.8 <i>Live observation</i> Assessment 8	IBSL6.8 <i>Live observation</i> Assessment 8	

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