



'Promoting Quality in British Sign Language'

Qualification Specification

Entry Level Award in British Sign Language (Entry Level 3)

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iBSL Qualification Reference: IBSLEB

Qualification Aim

This qualification aims to introduce Learners to simple and basic skills in British Sign Language (BSL) to enable them to communicate with Deaf people on everyday topics in accordance with the National Language Standards at Entry Level.

Qualification Structure

The qualification is divided into three units as follows:

- IBSLEB1:** Understand basic information in British Sign Language Unit Number: D/507/7591
IBSLEB2: Develop strategies to acquire simple and basic British Sign Language Unit Number: K/507/7593
IBSLEB3: Take part in and follow simple conversations in British Sign Language Unit Number: M/507/7594

All three units can be achieved separately, but the full Entry Level 3 Award in British Sign Language 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) | Credits at Entry Level 3 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| IBSL EB1 | 14 | 8 | 22 | 1 |
| IBSL EB2 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 1 |
| IBSL EB3 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 1 |
| Total | 40 | 20 | 60 | 3 |

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) includes assessment time. Additional Study Hours includes homework, practise and private study. The Total Qualification Time (TQT) is **60** hours.

Qualification Objectives

At the end of the qualification, Learners will be able to:

- Understand simple, basic information presented to them in BSL
- Develop strategies to acquire simple, basic BSL information of a personal, social and work-related nature;
- Partake in simple conversation with Deaf people, whether in social situations or work-settings.

These objectives relate to the National Language Standards at Entry Level 3.

Target Group

The Entry Level 3 Award in BSL is suitable for those who:

- wish to acquire basic British Sign Language skills for the purpose of holding simple communication with Deaf people, including family, friends and colleagues.
- need to acquire BSL skills as part of a programme of study or professional development.
- are studying for personal development with a view to future employment.

Entry Requirements

No previous experience of British Sign Language is required for entry into a programme leading to the Entry Level 3 Award in BSL.

Progression Routes

Upon completion of this qualification, Learners may progress as follows:

- iBSL Level 1 Award in British Sign Language Studies

Assessment

All three assessments must be passed in order to achieve a full Entry Level qualification.

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