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Institute of British Sign Language **QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

iBSL Level 3 Certificate in **British Sign Language Studies**

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Qualification Aim

This qualification aims to further Learners' experiences and development in communication through British Sign Language (BSL) with Deaf people on everyday topics involving work and social contexts. A Level 3 course will enable development in functional BSL communication in more depth than at Level 2, requiring the ability to exchange, present and understand information, ideas, advice and opinions at normal speed, and also develop an awareness of cultural interaction with Deaf people who use BSL.

This qualification has been developed in accordance with the National Language Standards (*CILT, 2010*) and (for one Unit) the National Occupational Standards for Intercultural Working (*CILT, 2008*).

Qualification Structure

The qualification is divided into three Units as follows:

IBSL3AUN: Understand varied BSL in a range of work contexts	Unit Number: K/602/4404
IBSL3ASN: Use varied BSL in a range of work contexts	Unit Number: H/602/4403
IBSL3ADC: Interact with people from different countries or diverse cultures	Unit Number: R/602/4431

All three Units can be achieved separately, but the full Level 3 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)	Credits at Level 3
IBSL3AUN	60	40	100	10
IBSL3ASN	60	40	100	10
IBSL3ADC	30	50	80	8
Total	150	130	280	28

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) includes assessment time. Additional Study Hours includes homework, practise and private study. The Total Qualification Time (TQT) is **280** hours.

Qualification Objectives

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

- Understand and present information, ideas and opinions in a range of work-related and social contexts using BSL delivered at normal speed and in normally used social and work registers.
- Extract specific details and grasp overall meaning from a range of short passages in BSL delivered at normal speed and in normally used social and work registers, using varied language.
- Maintain business relationships and manage/follow uncomplicated negotiations relating to issues/concerns in your area of work delivered in BSL at normal speed and in normally used social and work registers.
- Take part in discussions relating to varied accounts, reports and instructions delivered in BSL at normal speed and in normally used social and work registers.
- Understand the main points and relevant details of news items, interviews, documentaries and social conversations delivered in BSL at normal speed and in normally used social and work registers, provided there are common interests.
- Develop interactive communication skills with Deaf people who have different cultural experiences and perspectives to your own and understand/appreciate why these differences exist.

These objectives relate to the National Occupational Standards (2010) at Level 3 as developed by CILT, plus the National Occupational Standards for Intercultural Working (2008).

Target Group

The Level 3 Certificate in BSL Studies is suitable for those who:

- wish to acquire varied British Sign Language skills at normal speed and in normally used social and work registers for the purpose of working or interacting with Deaf people on a daily or regular basis.
- need to acquire varied BSL skills as part of a programme of study or professional development.
- are studying for personal development with a view to future employment.
- wish to progress from the Level 2 Certificate.

The qualification is also suitable for Deaf people wishing to acquire a qualification in their own language in order to meet the requirements of the Tariff of Qualifications (ITT) as an approved qualification at Level 3 for evidencing personal literacy skills in order to gain QTLS.

Entry Requirements

Entrants should have achieved the Level 2 Certificate in BSL Studies before embarking on the Level 3 Certificate in BSL programme.

Progression Routes

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

- iBSL Level 4 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies

Assessment

Each Unit is different and is broken down into smaller “assessment” modules. All five assessments must be passed in order to achieve a full Level 3 qualification (see table below).

IBSL3AUN RECEPTIVE SKILLS	IBSL3ASN PRODUCTION SKILLS	IBSL3ADC DEAF CULTURE
IBSL3.1 <i>Receptive skills</i> Assessment 1	IBSL3.2 <i>Presentation skills</i> Assessment 2	IBSL3.5 <i>Deaf culture</i> Assessment 4
IBSL3.3/IBSL3.4 <i>Conversational skills</i> Assessment 3		
IBSL3.6 <i>Live observation</i> Assessment 5		

It is recommended that IBSL3.1, IBSL3.2, IBSL3.3, IBSL3.4 and IBSL3.5 should be taken first. Arrangements should be made for an iBSL External Examiner to visit the Centre when the final unit IBSL3.6 is to be assessed.

- **IBSL3.1** will be assessed by means of the Learner watching a signed clip on iBSL’s online portal and completing a combined question and answer paper with a transcript sheet (See guidance notes for this assessment). This will be externally assessed.
- **IBSL3.2** will be internally assessed by the Teacher-Assessor and will be externally moderated by the iBSL External Examiner during their visit.
- **IBSL3.3/IBSL3.4** will be internally assessed by the Teacher-Assessor and will be externally moderated by the iBSL External Examiner during their visit.

- **IBSL3.5** will be assessed by means of a question and answer paper to cover knowledge of Deaf Culture. This will be externally assessed.
- **IBSL3.6** will be taken in the presence of and assessed by an iBSL External Examiner by means of a 'live' assessment.

The assessment materials for assessments IBSL3.1 and IBSL3.5 must be scanned and uploaded to iBSL's portal, as well as assessments IBSL3.2 and IBSL3.3/IBSL3.4, and IBSL3.6 which must be filmed and uploaded to the portal. All the above evidence, apart from the 'live' assessment will be collated into a coursework file.

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