

# IBSL

## **Institute of British Sign Language** **QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

### **iBSL Level 2 Certificate in** **British Sign Language Studies**

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## Qualification Specification

### iBSL Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies

RQF Accreditation Number: 501/0707/0

IBSL Qualification Reference: IBSL2A1

#### 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 social life and at work, school or college. A Level 2 course will enable development in functional BSL communication in more depth than at Level 1, requiring a wider grasp of grammar in order to cope with some non-routine language exchanges.

This qualification has been developed in accordance with the National Language Standards at Level 2.

#### Qualification Structure

The qualification is divided into four units as follows:

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| <b>IBSL2A1:</b> Receptive skills in British Sign Language                | Unit Number: J/601/9646 |
| <b>IBSL2A2:</b> Developing BSL presentation skills                       | Unit Number: L/601/9647 |
| <b>IBSL2A3:</b> Understand and take part in routine conversations in BSL | Unit Number: R/601/9648 |
| <b>IBSL2A4:</b> Understand and use routine BSL in everyday contexts      | Unit Number: Y/601/9649 |

All four units can be achieved separately, but the full Level 2 Certificate 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 Level 2 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>IBSL 2A1</b> | 20                          | 10                     | 30                             | 3                  |
| <b>IBSL 2A2</b> | 40                          | 20                     | 60                             | 6                  |
| <b>IBSL 2A3</b> | 20                          | 10                     | 30                             | 3                  |
| <b>IBSL 2A4</b> | 20                          | 10                     | 30                             | 3                  |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>100</b>                  | <b>50</b>              | <b>150</b>                     | <b>15</b>          |

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) includes assessment time. Additional Study Hours includes homework, practise and private study. The Total Qualification Time (TQT) is **150** hours.

## Qualification Objectives

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

- Acquire sufficient language to enable communication with Deaf people, including those in the workplace or at school/college, at an intermediate level.
- Develop the ability to present personal, social and work-related information in BSL.
- Exchange routine information with Deaf people about social life and/or the workplace or at school and college.
- Understand and give advice and instructions about everyday work and/or social matters

These objectives relate to the National Language Standards at Level 2

## Target Group

The Level 2 Certificate in BSL Studies is suitable for those who:

- wish to acquire extended British Sign Language skills for the purpose of holding more detailed communication with Deaf people, including family, friends and colleagues at work/school/college.
- 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.
- wish to progress from the Level 1 Award.

The qualification is also suitable for Deaf people wishing to acquire a qualification in their own language.

## Entry Requirements

Entrants should have achieved Level 1 Award in BSL before embarking on the Level 2 Certificate in BSL programme.

## Progression Routes

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

- iBSL Level 3 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies

## Assessment

The assessment for each unit is different. It is recommended that the first three units, IBSL2A1, IBSL2A2 and IBSL2A3, should be taken first. Arrangements should be made for an iBSL External Examiner to visit the Centre when the final unit IBSL2A4 is to be assessed.

- Unit **IBSL2A1** will be assessed by means of a question and answer paper. This will be externally assessed by the iBSL Examiner.

- Units **IBSL2A2** and **IBSL2A3** will be internally assessed by the Teacher-Assessor and will be externally moderated by the iBSL External Examiner during the visit.
- Unit **IBSL2A4** will be taken in the presence of and assessed by an iBSL External Examiner by means of a '**live**' assessment.

The assessment materials for units IBSL2A1 must be scanned and uploaded to iBSL's portal, as well as unit IBSL2A2 and IBSL2A3, which must be filmed and uploaded to the portal. All this evidence, apart from the '**live**' assessment, will be collated into a coursework file.

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