

IBSL

Institute of British Sign Language **QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

iBSL Level 1 Award in British Sign Language Studies

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iBSL Qualification Reference: IBSL1A1

Qualification Aim

This qualification aims to enable Learners to develop suitable and sufficient skills to communicate with Deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL) on everyday topics in accordance with the National Language Standards at Level 1.

Qualification Structure

The qualification is divided into three units as follows:

IBSL1A1: Receptive skills in British Sign Language

Unit Number: T/601/9643

IBSL1A2: Descriptive skills in British Sign Language

Unit Number: A/601/9644

IBSL1A3: Conversational skills in British Sign Language

Unit Number: F/601/9645

All three units can be achieved separately, but the full Level 1 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 Level 1
IBSL 1A1	22	8	30	3
IBSL 1A2	22	8	30	3
IBSL 1A3	22	8	30	3
Total	66	24	90	9

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) includes assessment time. Additional Study Hours includes homework, practise and private study. The Total Qualification Time (TQT) is **90** hours.

Qualification Objectives

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

- Understand narrations of simple information presented to them in BSL
- Develop the ability to describe events, issues or matters in BSL, particularly at work, school or college
- Engage in simple conversation with Deaf people, both in social situations and in the workplace or at school/college.

These objectives relate to the National Language Standards at Level 1

Target Group

The Level 1 Award in BSL Studies is suitable for those who:

- wish to acquire basic British Sign Language skills for the purpose of holding simple conversations 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 Level 1 Award in BSL Studies.

Progression Routes

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

- iBSL Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language Studies

Assessment

The assessment for each unit is different. It is recommended that the first unit, IBSL1A1 Receptive skills, should be taken first, before Units IBSL1A2 Presentation skills and IBSL1A3 Conversational skills. All three assessments must be passed in order to achieve a full Level 1 qualification.

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