

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

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### **Qualification aim**

This qualification is designed to enable learners to develop an ability to communicate with Deaf people using BSL in a range of familiar contexts, participating in lengthy and open-ended exchanges. The course will develop functional communication in BSL about a range of real life, routine and daily experiences. The learner will be able to deal with most routine language tasks and have sufficient grasp of grammar to cope with some non-routine tasks. Learners will be taught a number of regional variations in sign language.

### **Unit structure**

The qualification is divided into three units, each of which can be achieved separately. The units can be done in any order at any time but it is recommended that the content of Unit BSL201 is covered before Unit BSL202 or BSL203.

To achieve the full Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language, candidates are required to achieve all units.

| Unit code | Unit title                | Assessment method           |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BSL201    | BSL Receptive Skills      | Multiple choice examination |
| BSL202    | BSL Productive Skills     | Presentation in BSL         |
| BSL203    | BSL Conversational Skills | Conversation in BSL         |

### **Suggested duration**

The following table details the recommended learning hours required to achieve this qualification.

| Unit code | Guided Learning Hours (GLH) | Additional study hours | Total learning hours | Credit value at Level 1 |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| BSL201    | 30                          | 20                     | 50                   | 5                       |
| BSL202    | 35                          | 15                     | 50                   | 5                       |
| BSL203    | 35                          | 15                     | 50                   | 5                       |
| Total     | 100                         | 50                     | 150                  | 15                      |

### **Guided learning hours include assessment time.**

Additional study hours include private study, homework, practice, etc. Signature approved centres will deliver this qualification over agreed timescales.

The total course will last 1 and 1/2 years, 50 weeks at 2 hour classes.

4 Hours for exam practice and final exams

Total number of hours - 100

### **Essential requirements**

BSL competence standards include requirements for candidates to have sufficient sight, manual dexterity, facial and body movement to produce and receive BSL. It is the responsibility of the centre to explain these requirements before accepting a candidate for this qualification.

### **Course Fee**

The cost of the BSL Level 2 is £145 per person and £60 concessionary (proof of eligibility of concessionary rate required).

### **Examination Fee**

BSL 201 - £40.00

BSL 202 - £50.00

BSL 203 - £50.00

Fee's can be paid at the time of entry for examinations.