

Signature Level One Award in British Sign Language (QCF) (QAN: 500/6070/3)

Qualification Aim

This qualification is designed to enable learners to communicate with Deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL) on a range of topics that involve simple, everyday language use. The specification has been designed to be consistent with the National Language Standards at Level 1.

Who should come on this course?

Level 1 Award in British Sign Language is suitable for those who:

- wish to acquire basic language skills to facilitate simple communication with Deaf people;
- wish to acquire new language skills as part of a programme of study;
- wish to progress to more advanced study and/or employment using BSL in the future;
- are studying for personal development;
- are parents, family, friends or colleagues of Deaf people.

Level 1 Award in British Sign Language can be taken without any previous BSL experience at any level.

Unit	Guided Learning Hours	Additional Home/Private Study Hours	Aims	Assessed
BSL 101	20	10	To equip learners to understand and use a limited range of simple words and sentences in BSL.	Internally
BSL 102	22	8	To equip learners to understand and use simple BSL in conversation/instruction relating to activities at home	Externally
BSL 103	22	8	To equip learners to understand and use simple BSL in conversation/instruction relating to activities at school, college or	Externally

This qualification allows learners to gain basic competence and confidence in the two skill areas of production and reception of BSL.



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Qualification Structure

The qualification is divided into three units, each of which can be achieved separately. Learners who are new to BSL should cover the introductory unit first, as units 102 and 103 build on this knowledge. Units 102 and 103 can be taken in any order.

To achieve the full Level 1 Award in British Sign Language, candidates are required to pass all units. Each unit has a value of 3 credit points.

Qualification Objectives

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

- understand and use a limited range of simple words and sentences in BSL;
- take part in simple, predictable conversations in BSL;
- give and follow simple directions or instructions in BSL;
- give and follow simple familiar statements or descriptions in BSL.

(National Language Standards 2005 – Level 1)

How can HearFirst help you?

We deliver this course in-house throughout the UK. We work with Housing Associations, Universities and many other public sector organisations training groups of staff.

HearFirst can arrange for your organisation to receive this training at your venue on days and times to suit you.

The best group size is approximately 12 people.

The course is best delivered in 2 hour weekly sessions over 32 weeks. However we are often requested to deliver more intensive sessions so the qualification is achieved in a shorter timescale. Please contact us with your requirements.

What you get:

- All HearFirst tutors are friendly, experienced and knowledgeable in their field. All course participants are guided through the course with clear step by step instructions and live demonstrations from their tutor.
- Course participants are provided with: HearFirst folder, quality handouts with images of signs taught, HearFirst Pen, Signature certificate for each successful delegate.
- Handouts are available in alternative formats – please contact us with your preferences.
- As with all HearFirst courses, participants are encouraged to contact us to find out more information about specific issues, or to ask any questions which may arise.



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