

British Sign Language Level 2 Certificate

Qualification aim

This **Level 2 Certificate qualification in British Sign Language** is designed to enable learners to develop their skills to communicate with Deaf people using British Sign Language (BSL) in a range of everyday situations. The qualification will allow learners to participate in longer and more varied conversations than at Level 1. The course will develop communication in BSL about real life, routine, and daily experiences. The learner will be able to deal with most routine communication and have enough understanding of grammar to cope with some non-routine communication. Learners should be taught a number of regional variations in sign language.

The specification has been designed to be consistent with the National Language Standards at Level 2.

Qualification structure

This [British Sign Language 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	QAN unit number	Unit title	Assessment
BSL201	J/600/0210	BSL Receptive Skills	Practical assessment of skills
BSL202	D/600/0214	BSL Productive Skills	Presentation in BSL
BSL203	A/600/0219	BSL Conversational Skills	Conversation in BSL

Suggested duration

The recommended guided learning hours are 100 hours as shown below:

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

Additional study hours include private study, homework, practice, etc. Guided learning hours includes assessment time.

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.

The qualification has four themes:

Theme 1	Everyday Conversation	30 hours	Mandatory (this theme must be done) Optional themes: Pick two of these themes. The themes chosen for unit BSL202 and BSL203 must be different.
Theme 2	Eating and Drinking	35 hours	
Theme 3	Spending and Shopping	35 hours	
Theme 4	Travel and Holidays	35 hours	

Theme 1 is mandatory so all learners must do this. Learners will also study two other themes out of the three optional themes above. The two optional themes will be chosen by the teacher in consultation with the learner.

In Unit BSL201 learners will be assessed on the content of Theme 1 only. The hours within the unit include time for practice and assessment.

In Units BSL202 and BSL203 learners will use and build upon the vocabulary and grammatical features of Theme 1.

Themes 2, 3 and 4 include the vocabulary from Theme 1. Learners are expected to increase their understanding and use of BSL grammar and vocabulary in these units. Some of the learning hours will be used to practice their skills and carry out the assessment for Units BSL202 and BSL203.

For Unit BSL202 learners will be assessed on the content of Theme 1 and the first choice of the optional themes.

For Unit BSL203 learners will be assessed on the content of Theme 1 and the second choice of the optional themes.

Target group

Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language is suitable for those who:

- wish to achieve language skills at an intermediate level to improve communication with Deaf people
- are Deaf and wish to gain a qualification in their native language
- are family, friends and colleagues of Deaf people
- want to progress from Level 1 study in BSL, and who may want to progress to more advanced levels of study in BSL at a later date
- are studying for personal development.

The qualification is supported by over 300 centres throughout the UK ranging from Further and Higher Education establishments to schools and academies.

Progression routes

On completion of Signature Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language, a wide range of further qualifications is available, including:

- Signature Level 3 Certificate in British Sign Language
- Signature Level 4 Certificate in British Sign Language
- Signature Level 4 Certificate in British Sign Language and Introduction to Interpreting
- Signature Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language.

These qualifications would potentially lead an individual to various employment opportunities.

