

British Sign Language (BSL) Qualifications

British Sign Language (BSL) is a recognised language in the UK with its own distinct grammar, used primarily by the Deaf community and those with hearing loss. These qualifications, offered by ALS, cover three levels: 1, 2 and 3



Level 1: Basic Communication Skills

- Focuses on basic communication skills in everyday situations.
- Comprises 20 face-to-face sessions, each lasting 3 hours (total of 63 hours), self-study, and assessments.
- Aimed at those who want to communicate simply with Deaf people.
- Covers introductory modules, conversation, and everyday life topics.
- Assessment includes practical demonstrations and conversation.



Level 2: Varied Conversations and Regional Variations

- Allows for more diverse conversations and includes regional variations.
- Involves 30 face-to-face sessions, each lasting 3 hours (total of 99 hours), along with self-study
- Suitable for those looking to improve communication with Deaf people.
- Modules include BSL receptive and productive skills, as well as conversational skills.
- Assessment comprises a multiple-choice exam, presentation, and conversation.

Level 3: Advanced Language Skills and Cultural Knowledge

- Suitable for those working with the Deaf community and those aspiring to.
- Focuses on advanced language skills and an understanding of Deaf culture.
- Requires prior competence in BSL at Level 2.
- One module based on 43 weekly face-to-face sessions, each lasting 3 hours (total of 129 hours), and extensive self-study.
- Emphasizes receptive and productive skills in various interactions.
- Designed for professionals like social workers, teachers of the Deaf, and more.

These BSL qualifications help learners develop proficiency in British Sign Language, fostering effective communication with the Deaf community. Each level consists of a blend of face-to-face sessions, each lasting 3 hours, plus self-study, and comprehensive assessments, ensuring learners gain the necessary skills to communicate confidently in BSL. Whether you're just starting or seeking advanced expertise, these qualifications cater to a wide range of learners and are a vital step in promoting inclusive and accessible communication.

It is a requirement of the BSL course that all participants can commit to 85% attendance.