

Qualification Specification

Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language

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Signature Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language (QCF)

(QAN: 500/9581/X)

(Signature Qualification Reference: BSL6)

Qualification aim

Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language (BSL) caters for the learning needs of those who already have competence in BSL at Level 3. Successful candidates must be able to demonstrate competence at Level 6 of the UK Occupational Language Standards (CILT, 2010). This means that the learner will be able to understand and use complex BSL in a range of work and social situations.

The assessment criteria for this qualification are taken from the UK Occupational Language Standards at Level 6 ('Complex' language use) and are equivalent to those for Modern Foreign Languages at Honours Degree level.

The qualification is at:

- Level 6 on the Qualification & Credit Framework (QCF)
- Proficiency Grades 13 – 15 on the Language Ladder, and
- Proficient User: C1 'Effective operational proficiency' on the Common European Framework.

Successful completion of this qualification can be used as evidence of the language skills needed in order to be able to operate at a professionally proficient level in the target language. It is useful for those who work professionally with Deaf people (for example teachers and lecturers in BSL, social workers, teachers of the Deaf, trainee interpreters, voluntary workers, workers within Deaf organisations, schools, etc) or those who aspire to work in these contexts. The unit titles refer to 'work situations' but the content and assessment criteria allow for evidence from a wide range of contexts



Unit type	Signature unit code	QCF unit number	Unit title	Guided learning hours (GLH)	Additional study/practice time	Total learning time/credits
Mandatory	BSL601	J/601/9016	Understand complex British Sign Language in a wide range of work situations	90 hours	90 hours	180 hours 18 credits
Mandatory	BSL602	R/601/9018	Use complex British Sign Language in a wide range of work situations	90 hours	90 hours	180 hours 18 credits

Further guidance of Signature Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language (QCF) is available in the Signature Handbook for Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language on our website (www.signature.org.uk).

Progression routes

On completion of this qualification, the candidate may wish to progress to the following qualifications:

- Signature Level 6 NVQ Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting
- Signature Level 6 Diploma in Sign Language Translation.



UNIT SPECIFICATION

Unit BSL601 – Understand complex British Sign Language in a wide range of work situations

(QCF Unit Number: J/601/9016)

GLH: 90

Credit: 18 credit points at Level 6

Receptive skills

Note:

The natural context for using British Sign Language (BSL) is in conversations, discussions, and presentations, i.e. in two-way communication. The best approach to teaching is therefore to work through both units at the same time, covering receptive and productive linguistic issues together.

Assessment evidence drawn from situations involving two-way communication can be used for both receptive and productive units, provided that the standard of BSL used meets the requirements for Level 6 in both areas.

Unit aim/purpose

The title of this unit refers to work situations but the aim of this unit is to enable the candidate to understand complex BSL in the context of a range of work and social.

Overview

You can extract complex information from a wide range of sources, even when it is delivered at speed. You are comfortable with a range of regional variations, formal and informal language, relevant technical vocabulary and colloquialisms. You can take part in negotiations, and deal with complaints, problems or disputes. You can also make effective use of the telephone/videophone or other web-based live communications.



Learning outcomes On completion of this unit, the learner will:	Assessment criteria On completion of this unit, the learner can:
1. Be able to understand complex social interaction	1.1 Identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. regional variations b. idiosyncratic signs c. differences of style or register 1.2 Infer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. humour b. sarcasm c. ambiguity 1.3 Identify complex feelings 1.4 Recognise all signed and other non-verbal cultural conventions
2. Be able to understand signed communication in a wide range of complex work situations	2.1 Identify from complex language of any speed or length: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. complex information b. general meaning c. specific details d. complex questions or enquiries e. complex comments or responses f. complex arguments or lines of reasoning g. complex instructions h. complex advice i. complex requests and their urgency or priority j. complex requirements or needs 2.2 Recognise opinions 2.3 Relay information from BSL into his/her own language



Learning outcomes On completion of this unit, the learner will:	Assessment criteria On completion of this unit, the learner can:
3. Be able to understand a complex range of vocabulary and technical language	3.1 Recognise a wide and complex range of vocabulary: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. signs to deal with most matters relevant to his/her work b. currently-used colloquialisms/idiosyncratic signs used socially and in relevant business contexts c. less common technical terms within his/her area of work d. most signs used for linking and sequencing e. the language of numerical data and statistical information
4. Be able to understand a full range of grammatical forms	4.1 Recognise <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. all verb forms in normal use b. all sentence structures, except the most complex or obscure c. a wide range of structures to denote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • standard sign language • colloquial/idiosyncratic signs • formal register • informal register
5. Be able to use reference sources	5.1 Use language reference sources effectively to confirm or clarify meaning of signs in complex usage



Content

BSL receptive skills (Level 6)

It is expected that while studying for this unit, learners will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the required elements of BSL Sign Linguistics in a range of practice settings, by responding to communications presented in BSL, to show their understanding of the meaning and content of the message.

When they are ready for assessment, learners will provide recorded evidence of their knowledge and understanding through demonstrating their receptive skills (i.e. their understanding of communication presented in BSL) in a variety of settings (see assessment criteria on pages 2-3).

Vocabulary

The learner should be able to demonstrate his/her understanding of the communications of others on a wide range of issues, including technical language relating to the workplace. An appropriate range of areas of vocabulary must be demonstrated in the assessment. Some examples are provided in the Signature Handbook for Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language on our website www.signature.org.uk.

Knowledge and understanding

Knowledge and understanding is not assessed separately, but through achievement of the assessment criteria on pages 2-3.

At Level 6, the learner will be able to demonstrate 1 – 11 shown on the next page:

- at any speed and whatever the length
- in most work and social situations
- using technical vocabulary and complex grammatical structures as needed.



- K1** Handle complex social interactions, understanding all signed and other non-verbal cultural conventions.
- K2** Understand complex information.
- K3** Extract all relevant details and the general meaning of presentations, talks and discussions.
- K4** Understand complex enquiries, questions, comments and responses.
- K5** Follow complex arguments and lines of reasoning.
- K6** Understand complex instructions, advice and requests and their priority.
- K7** Understand humour, sarcasm and ambiguity.
- K8** Identify opinions and values and distinguish them from other information.
- K9** Identify complex feelings, needs and preferences.
- K10** Understand different regional variations and most colloquialisms, and identify the style and register of language used.
- K11** If appropriate, informally relay information into your own language.



Explanation of assessment criteria

Learning outcome 1 – Be able to understand complex social interaction.

1.1	Identify: (Means to pick out and recognise something)	
	a. regional variations	Varied and complex sign vocabulary including regional differences, e.g. numbers, people, colours, etc.
	b. idiosyncratic signs	Idiosyncratic, e.g. bizarre, cranky, curious, eccentric, erratic, freakish, odd, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, singular, strange, unnatural, unusual, weird, (she has an idiosyncratic way of driving) – peculiar to the individual.
	c. differences of style or register	Informal or formal style or register – identify the differences of other’s signing style of register.
1.2	Infer (Means to conclude or judge from evidence – to draw a conclusion, as by seasoning)	
	a. humour	Humour – funny story, amusing, joke, from DVDs, e.g. John Smith, Youtube short films - Fingerspellers series, Coming Out etc.
	b. sarcasm	Sarcasm – is the use of words to damage of, or hurt another person. It is a sharp bitter or cutting expression or remark, a bitter jibe or taunt.
	c. ambiguity	Ambiguity – having more than one possible meaning, open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or often intended to mislead, unclear and vague, of persons; hesitant; uncertain, not taking sides.
1.3	Identify complex feelings	
	Examples: Use varied NMF to express sorrow, concerns, happy, pleased, delighted, amazed, problems, etc.	



1.4	Recognised all signed and other non verbal cultural conventions
	Examples: Cultural conventions is a set agreed, stipulated or generally accepted standards among Deaf people, often taking the form of a custom for example – shake hand, touch for attention, waving for attention, eye gaze in taking turns, nodding/shaking head to maintain conversations, shrugging, etc.

Learning outcome 2 – Be able to understand signed communication in a wide range of complex work situations.

2.1	Identity from complex language of any speed or length	
	a. complex information	Deep and wide range of information provided by a signer.
	b. general meaning	Identify and recognise the overall meaning of presentation, discussion or conversation.
	c. specific details	Identify and recognise the specific details of presentation, discussion, conversation or instructions/advice and opinions of others.
	d. complex questions or enquiries	Questions asked by others or enquired by others. Examples: rhetorical questions, open and closed questions, follow up questions, probing questions.
	e. complex comments or responses	Recognise and identify comments or responses by others.
	f. complex arguments or lines of reasoning	Recognise and identify arguments or lines of reasoning from others.
	g. complex instructions	Recognise and identify and respond details of instructions by others.
	h. complex advice	Recognise and identify and respond details of advice by others.
	i. complex requests and their urgency or priority	Act upon requests from others and differ from urgency or priority.
	j. complex requirements or needs	Act upon requirements or needs by others.



2.2	<p>Recognise options</p> <p>Examples</p> <p>Identify opinion of other people on how they feel and think.</p>
2.3	<p>Relay information from BSL into his/her own language</p> <p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the candidate’s first language is BSL, they receive in BSL and pass the information in BSL. • If the candidate’s first language is English, they receive in BSL and then write (relay) the information in English. <p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate can watch a video clip or broadcast in BSL. If the candidate’s first language is English they can write a summary of the clip. If the candidate’s first language is BSL they can give a summary signed in BSL. <p>Note: From the ITN website there may be opportunities to do this evidence and using government, public bodies leaflets from NHS and County Councils. ITV Signpost.</p>

Learning outcome 3 – Be able to understand a complex range of vocabulary and technical language.

3.1	<p>Recognise a wide and complex range of vocabulary</p>	
	<p>a. signs to deal with most matters relevant to his/her work</p>	<p>Identify and recognise everyday and key – work vocabulary relevant to his/her work.</p>



b. currently-used colloquialisms/idiosyncratic signs used socially and in relevant business contexts	Bizarre, cranky, curious, eccentric, erratic, freakish, odd, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, singular, strange, unnatural, unusual, weird, (peculiar to the individual) – colloquialisms – kick the bucket, dead to the world, let your hair down.
c. less common technical terms within his/her area of work	Less common key – work vocabulary related to your vocabulary or work area.
d. most signs used for linking and sequencing	Connectors – for example, and, next, finally, after, also, too, instead of, on the other hand.
e. the language of numerical data and statistical information	Enumerators – 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , etc. Plurals – went three times to the shops. Fractions – one third, quarter, half; statistics – number of people or items. All numbers – calendar, time, dates, money, weight, measures, size, ages.

Learning outcome 4 – Be able to understand a full range of grammatical forms.

4.1	Recognise:	
a. all verb forms in normal use	Walked, walking, will walk. Been write, writing, will write Been shop, shopping, will shop.	
b. all sentence structures, except the most complex or obscure	BSL grammar and structure to be of Level 6 standard and clear handshapes, fluency, flow, pace and movement. Obscure – not clearly understood or expressed; unclear; confusing; difficult to understand.	



<p>c. a wide range of structures to denote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • standard sign language • Colloquial/idiosyncratic signs • formal register • informal register 	<p>BSL language at Level 6 standard to include idioms, style, peculiar to the individual in formal or informal styles and register.</p>
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Learning outcome 5 – Be able to use reference sources.

<p>5.1</p>	<p>Use language reference sources effectively to confirm or clarify meaning of sign in complex usage</p>
	<p>Examples</p> <p>If a candidate is watching a video clip/discussion in BSL and does not understand a sign, they should find out what this sign means. They could do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using various websites. • Using reference books for example Dictionary of British Sign Language. • Using DVDs, video tapes. • Asking role models – Deaf people, Deaf presenters on TV, Teachers, Assessors, Internal Verifiers. • Asking other people who have Level 6 or above – peers, communicators, interpreters. <p>The candidate should show the reference source they have used in their portfolio and include it on the assessment and feedback record sheet.</p>



ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATION

Candidates' evidence will be collected in a portfolio which must meet the evidence requirements listed below.

The evidence will be:

- a) internally assessed and
- b) internally quality assured

by appropriately qualified staff from the centre.

External quality assurance will be provided by a Signature External Verifier. CILT's assessment strategy (March 2010) will be followed, adopting most elements of the 'NVQ Code of Practice 2007'.

Candidates' results will be not confirmed until all of the above processes have been completed.

Evidence requirements

Evidence can be generated by candidates in the workplace or other (e.g. social) contexts. Alternatively, assessment opportunities can be created in the classroom. Classroom-based assessments may simulate external environments, or can focus on an exchange of learners' views and opinions on a range of topics, but the use of language must be spontaneous, i.e. not rehearsed.

It is likely that assessment evidence, whatever its origin, will show understanding of the following, when expressed in BSL:

- information and personal opinion
- debate with others whose views may differ
- arguments in support of own views
- reason with others when persuasion is required
- response to enquiries, advice and instruction.



During the initial assessment-planning discussion, the candidate and their assessor should identify opportunities for collecting evidence, and learning gaps that need to be filled.

Candidates must satisfy the assessor that they have understood **all** of the assessment criteria on pages 2-3 and can understand BSL to the required standard:

- at any speed and whatever the length
- in most work and social situations
- using technical vocabulary and complex grammatical structures as needed.

The candidate must therefore cover each assessment criterion **at least twice** across the whole portfolio. This must be recorded on the Candidate Assessment Record (CAR) form on page 13.

Assessment summary

1.	Total evidence required for this unit	A total of at least 45 minutes of BSL receptive skills, this can include live observations also. It is recommended that evidence clips are around 6-7 minutes each but can be more/less than this as long as the 45 minutes is covered.
2.	Total number of pieces of evidence required for this unit	At least eight pieces of receptive evidence , this must include at least one live observation also. At least six of the eight pieces of receptive evidence should be recorded on video/DVD. <i>NB. evidence for receptive skills can also be used for productive skills where relevant.</i>
3.	Breadth of vocabulary shown across evidence	At least two distinct vocabulary areas or contexts.
4.	Coverage of assessment criteria	Evidence must show that each assessment criterion has been achieved on at least two occasions , i.e. at least two ticks in each column on the CAR Form.



CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT RECORD (Receptive)

Candidate name:..... Assessor name:.....

Evidence item: Ref No & Title	Video/ DVD Ref	Assessment criteria – must tick at least twice in each column.																										
		1.1			1.2			1.3	1.4	2.1							2.2	2.3	3.1					4.1			5.1	
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I confirm that the evidence is authentic work of the candidate:

Candidate's signature: Date completed: Assessor's signature: Date:

Internal Verifier's signature: Date: Report No:



(Units BSL601 and BSL602)

Summary of portfolio requirements for Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language

1.	Candidate profile	A summary of the candidate's background and reasons for gaining the qualification.
2.	Initial assessment plan	Record of initial discussion between candidate and assessor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspects of learning needed to cover gaps • Candidate's access to assessment opportunities • Reasonable adjustments • Agreed action plan.
3.	Assessment plans	Above initial assessment plan reviewed and updated at regular intervals, and cross-referenced across the portfolio.
4.	CAR BSL601 and CAR BSL602	CAR forms for each unit show the candidate's progress and the record of evidence collected. Each column has to be covered at least twice.
5.	Evidence covering the assessment criteria for this unit (see summaries in each unit specification for details)	To be cross-referenced to CAR form (i.e. at least two ticks in each column on the CAR form): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video evidence to be logged to identify location of relevant clip(s).
6.	Assessment record sheets	Assessor to give feedback on candidate's progress and achievements for each evidence seen and assessed. <i>NB – Candidates can evaluate their own performance but it is the responsibility of the teacher-assessor to agree and mark all evidences.</i>



7.	Live observation record sheet	There should be at least one live observation for each unit. Candidates can cover both productive and receptive skills in the same live observation.
8.	Professional discussion (if appropriate)	If the candidate has been unable to cover all assessment criteria twice, the assessor may arrange a professional discussion with the candidate to cover minor gaps in assessment criteria, to complete candidate's claim to competence.
9.	Signing off the portfolio	See documents in the Signature Handbook for Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language.



UNIT SPECIFICATION

Unit BSL602 – Use complex British Sign Language in a wide range of work situations

(QCF Unit Number: R/601/9018)

GLH: 90

Credit: 18 credit points at Level 6

Productive skills

Note:

The natural context for using British Sign Language (BSL) is in conversations, discussions, and presentations, i.e. in two-way communication. The best approach to teaching is therefore to work through both units at the same time, covering receptive and productive linguistic issues together.

Assessment evidence drawn from situations involving two-way communication can be used for both Receptive and Productive units, provided that the standard of BSL used meets the requirements for Level 6 in both areas.

Unit aim/purpose

The aim of this unit is to enable the candidate to use complex BSL in the context of a range of work and social.

Overview

You can communicate fluently over extended periods with only occasional inaccuracy - which you can usually correct. You can discuss all topics within your field, even when abstract or complex, and keep the conversation going smoothly. You can use your language skills to develop relationships with individuals and groups, and also, if required, negotiate in formal meetings to reach decisions or solve problems. You can use the telephone, videophone and other web-based technology confidently and effectively.



Learning outcomes On completion of this unit, the learner will:	Assessment criteria On completion of this unit, the learner can:
1. Be able to maintain social and professional relationships using BSL	1.1 Take an active role in social situations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. setting people at ease b. including newcomers c. contributing spontaneously to meetings or discussions d. developing or challenging other people’s comments or arguments e. taking the lead when appropriate f. finding alternative ways to express unfamiliar terms 1.2 Use all signed and other non verbal cultural conventions
2. Use complex sign language to communicate fluently over extended periods on all topics within his/her field of work in a range of situations	2.1 Make complex presentations using factual information to support theories and ideas 2.2 Express: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. complex proposals or suggestions b. complex instructions or advice c. complex requests or enquiries d. complex beliefs or opinions e. complex feelings 2.3 Relay information from his/her own language into BSL 2.4 Maintain fluency even in extended contributions 2.5 Maintain grammatical accuracy even when talking about his/her own area of expertise 2.6 Use accurate articulation and stress
3. Be able to use a complex range of vocabulary and technical language	3.1 Use a wide and complex range of vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. signs to deal with most matters relevant to his/her work b. currently-used colloquial/idiosyncratic signs c. less common technical terms within his/her area of work d. most linking and sequencing signs and conventions e. the language of numerical data and statistical information



Learning outcomes On completion of this unit, the learner will:	Assessment criteria On completion of this unit, the learner can:
4. Be able to use a full range of grammatical forms	4.1 Use a full range of grammatical forms <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. all verb forms in normal use b. all sentence structures, except the most complex or obscure c. a wide range of structures to denote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • standard sign language • colloquial/idiosyncratic signs • formal register • informal register
5. Be able to use reference sources	5.1 Use language reference sources effectively to confirm or clarify meaning of signs in complex usage



Content

BSL productive skills (Level 6)

It is expected that while studying for this unit learners will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the required elements of BSL Sign Linguistics in a range of practice settings, by communicating with others in BSL, to show their ability to convey a message appropriately.

When they are ready for assessment, learners will provide recorded evidence of their knowledge and understanding through demonstrating their productive skills (i.e. their ability to communicate in BSL) in a variety of settings (see assessment criteria on pages 2-3).

Vocabulary

The learner should be able to demonstrate his/her ability to communicate with others on a wide range of issues, including technical language relating to the workplace. An appropriate range of areas of vocabulary must be demonstrated in the assessment. Some examples are provided in the Signature Handbook for Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language on our website www.signature.org.uk.

Knowledge and understanding

Knowledge and understanding is not assessed separately, but through achievement of the assessment criteria on pages 2-3.

At Level 6, the learner will be able to demonstrate 1 – 13 shown on the next page:

- clearly, fluently and accurately
- in a wide range of situations
- using complex language as needed.



- K1** Take an active role in social situations, setting people at ease and including newcomers.
- K2** Use the right signed and other non verbal polite conventions.
- K3** Contribute spontaneously to meetings and discussions, leading if appropriate.
- K4** Develop or challenge other people's comments and arguments.
- K5** Make complex presentations using factual information to support theories and ideas.
- K6** Make complex proposals or suggestions and give instructions and advice.
- K7** Make complex requests and enquiries.
- K8** Express complex beliefs, feelings and opinions.
- K9** Use register, technical language and idiom as appropriate to the subject matter, context and your relationship with others.
- K10** Find alternative ways to express unfamiliar terms.
- K11** Maintain fluency in extended contributions, and accuracy when operating within your area of expertise.
- K12** Use accurate articulation and stress which put no strain on other people's understanding.
- K13** If appropriate, relay information informally across languages.



Explanation of assessment criteria

Learning outcome 1 – Be able to maintain social and professional relationships using BSL.

1.1	Take an active role in social situations	
	a. setting people at ease	How to welcome people and make them comfortable, introduce yourselves.
	b. including newcomers	Same as 1.1 a. but ensure newcomers have been introduced and given induction to the building, etc.
	c. contributing spontaneously to meetings or discussions	Able to contribute to meetings or discussions giving own opinions, views, feelings and facts.
	d. developing or challenging other people's comments or arguments	Able to explain and challenge other people's comments or arguments with own views, feelings and opinions.
	e. taking the lead when appropriate	Able to divert conversations onto something else or take lead on discussions and conversations.
	f. finding alternative ways to express unfamiliar terms	Find different ways to explain or express yourself with unfamiliar vocabulary that you are not sure of.
1.2	Use all signed and other non verbal cultural conventions	
	Example	
	Cultural conventions is a set agreed, stipulate or generally accepted standards among Deaf people, often taking the form of a custom for example – shake hand, touch for attention, waving for attention, eye gaze in taking turns, nodding/shaking head to maintain conversations, shrugging, etc.	



Learning outcome 2 – Use complex sign language to communicate fluently over extended periods on all topics within his/her field of work in a range of situations.

2.1	Make complex presentations using factual information to support theories and ideas	
	Example Plan and prepare complex presentation using information that is accurate to support theories and ideas that you have to inform others.	
2.2	Express:	
	a. complex proposals or suggestions	Able to make a proposal or suggestions – to plan and explain details of proposals or suggest something for the good of something or others.
	b. complex instructions or advice	Able to give instructions or advice to others.
	c. complex requests or enquiries	Able to ask for something that you want or need or find out something by asking some searching questions.
	d. complex beliefs or opinions	Able to explain your belief or opinions to others.
	e. complex feelings	Explain or state your feelings about something with mood, emphasis on action verbs using NMF and emotions.



2.3	Relay information from his/her own language into BSL
	<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the candidate's first language is BSL, they receive in BSL and pass the information in BSL. • If the candidate's first language is English, they read in English and then sign (relay) the information in BSL. <p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate could read an article on a website and relay this into BSL for a Deaf friend/colleague. • The candidate could watch a TV programme and relay message into BSL to a Deaf friend/colleague. • There could be a discussion between two hearing colleagues and the candidate could relay the information into BSL for a Deaf friend/colleague.
2.4	Maintain fluency even in extended contributions
	<p>Examples</p> <p>Delivery of BSL has to be fluent with clear and smooth BSL handshapes, with little errors, and in the right emphasis with mood, movement and grammar, even when discussing varied vocabulary off the point of discussions.</p>
2.5	Maintained grammatical accuracy even when talking about his/her own area expertise
	<p>Examples</p> <p>Delivery of BSL has to be clear BSL handshapes, with clarity, with little errors, and in the right emphasis with mood, movement and grammar whilst signing within your expertise areas keeping correct key work related vocabulary or technical language.</p>
2.6	Use accurate articulation and stress
	<p>Examples</p> <p>Delivery of BSL has to be clear BSL handshapes, with clarity, with little errors, and in the right emphasis with mood, movement and grammar.</p>



Learning outcome 3 – Be able to use complex range of vocabulary and technical language.

3.1	Use a wide and complex range of vocabulary	
	a. signs to deal with most matters relevant to his/her work	Everyday and key-work vocabulary and technical language related to his/her work.
	b. currently-used colloquial/idiosyncratic signs	Bizarre, cranky, curious, eccentric, erratic, freakish, odd, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, singular, strange, unnatural, unusual, weird, (peculiar to the individual) – colloquialisms – kick the bucket, dead to the world, let your hair down.
	c. less common technical terms within his/her area of work	Less common key-work vocabulary related to your vocabulary or work area.
	d. most linking and sequencing signs and conventions	Connectors – for example, and next, finally, after, also, too, instead of, on the other hand. Conventions - cultural behaviour – head nodding/shaking, touching, waving, pauses, eye gaze to take turns from others.
	e. the language of numerical data and statistical information	Enumerators – 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , etc. Plurals - I went three times to the shops. Fractions – one third, quarter, half. Statistics – number of people or items. All numbers – calendar, time, dates, money, weight, measures, size, ages, retired, young people, toddlers.



Learning outcome 4 – Be able to use a full range of grammatical forms.

4.1	Use a full range of grammatical forms		
	a. all verb forms in normal use	Walked, walking, will walk, been walk. Been write, writing, will write, been wrote. Been shop, shopping, will shop.	
	b. all sentence structures, except the most complex or obscure	BSL grammar Obscure – not clearly understood or expressed; unclear; confusing; difficult to understand.	
c. a wide range of structures to denote:	BSL language at Level 6 standard to include idioms, style, peculiar to the individual in formal or informal styles and register.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • standard sign language • colloquial/idiosyncratic signs • formal register • informal register 		



Learning outcome 5 – Be able to use reference sources.

5.1	Use language reference sources effectively to confirm or clarify meaning of signs in complex usage
	<p>Examples</p> <p>Candidate wants to use signs to produce for their evidences to give examples of how they can go about it to research or look up or ask others.</p> <p>Resources – links on websites, books, dictionaries, deaf people, teachers, assessors, internal verifiers, external verifiers, interpreters, CSWs, CD ROMs, Videos/DVDS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use various websites.• Use reference books for example Dictionary of British Sign Language.• Use DVDs, video tapes (there are old ones about).• Ask role models – Deaf people, Deaf presenters on TV, Teachers, Assessors, Internal Verifiers.• Ask other people who have Level 3 or above – peers, communicators, interpreters.



ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATION

Candidates' evidence will be collected in a portfolio which must meet the evidence requirements listed below.

The evidence will be:

- a) internally assessed and
- b) internally quality assured

by appropriately qualified staff from the centre.

External quality assurance will be provided by a Signature External Verifier. CILT's assessment strategy (March 2010) will be followed, adopting most elements of the 'NVQ Code of Practice 2007'.

Candidates' results will not be confirmed until all of the above processes have been completed.

Evidence requirements

Evidence can be generated by candidates in the workplace or other (e.g. social) contexts. Alternatively, assessment opportunities can be created in the classroom. Classroom-based assessments may simulate external environments, or can focus on an exchange of learners' views and opinions on a range of topics, but the use of language must be spontaneous, i.e. not rehearsed.

It is likely that assessment evidence, whatever its origin, will show understanding of the following, when expressed in BSL:

- information and personal opinion
- debate with others whose views may differ
- arguments in support of own views
- reason with others when persuasion is required
- response to enquiries, advice and instruction.



During the initial assessment-planning discussion, the candidate and their assessor should identify opportunities for collecting evidence, and learning gaps that need to be filled.

Candidates must satisfy the assessor that they have understood all of the assessment criteria on pages 2-3 and can use BSL to the required standard:

- clearly, fluently and accurately
- in a wide range of situations
- using complex language as needed.

The candidate must therefore cover each assessment criterion **at least twice** across the whole portfolio. This must be recorded on the Candidate Assessment Record (CAR) form on page 14.

Assessment evidence summary

1.	Total evidence required for this unit	A total of at least 45 minutes of BSL productive skills, this can include live observations also.
2.	Total number of pieces of evidence required for this unit	At least eight pieces of productive evidence , this must include at least one live observation. At least six of the eight pieces of productive evidence should be recorded on video/DVD. <i>NB. Evidence for productive skills can also be used for receptive skills where relevant.</i>
3.	Breadth of vocabulary shown across evidence	At least two distinct subject areas or contexts.
4.	Coverage of assessment criteria	Evidence must show that each assessment criterion has been achieved on at least two occasions , i.e. at least two ticks in each column on the CAR Form.



Unit BSL602 – Use complex British Sign Language in a wide range of work situations (productive skills)

CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT RECORD (Productive)

Candidate name:.....

Assessor name:.....

Evidence item: Ref No & Title	Video/ DVD Ref	Assessment criteria – must tick at least twice in each column.																									
		1.1						1.2	2.1	2.2					2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	3.1					4.1			5.1
		a	b	c	d	e	f			a	b	c	d	e					a	b	c	d	e	a	b	c	
1.																											
2.																											
3.																											
4.																											
5.																											

I confirm that the evidence is authentic work of the candidate:

Candidate's signature: Date completed: Assessor's signature: Date:

Internal Verifier's signature: Date: Report No:



Units BSL601 and BSL602

Summary of portfolio requirements for Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language

1.	Candidate profile	A summary of the candidate's background and reasons for gaining the qualification.
2.	Initial assessment plan	Record of initial discussion between candidate and assessor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspects of learning needed to cover gaps • Candidate's access to assessment opportunities • Reasonable adjustments • Agreed action plan.
3.	Assessment plans	Above initial assessment plan reviewed and updated at regular intervals, and cross-referenced across the portfolio.
4.	CAR BSL601 and CAR BSL602	CAR forms for each unit show the candidate's progress and the record of evidence collected. Each column has to be covered at least twice.
5.	Evidence covering the assessment criteria for this unit (see summaries in each unit specification for details)	To be cross-referenced to CAR form (i.e. at least two ticks in each column on the CAR form): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video evidence to be logged to identify location of relevant clip(s).
6.	Assessment record sheets	Assessor to give feedback on candidate's progress and achievements for each evidence seen and assessed. <i>NB – Candidates can evaluate their own performance but it is the responsibility of the teacher-assessor to agree and mark all evidences.</i>



7.	Live observation record sheet	There should be at least one live observation for each unit. Candidates can cover both productive and receptive skills in the same live observation.
8.	Professional discussion (if appropriate)	If the candidate has been unable to cover all assessment criteria twice, the assessor may arrange a professional discussion with the candidate to cover minor gaps in assessment criteria, to complete candidate's claim to competence.
9.	Signing off the portfolio	See documents in the Signature Handbook for Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language.

