



Qualification Specification

Level 2 Award in Communicating and Guiding with Deafblind People

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Qualification aim

This qualification is designed to give learners the knowledge and skills necessary to communicate with deafblind* people who use English and the Deafblind Manual Alphabet. It builds on the knowledge and skills gained in Signature Level 2 Award in Communicating with Deafblind People (DBC2) with which this qualification shares two units (K202 and T201).

*In this specification, the term 'deafblind' relates to all of the following: people with acquired deafblindness, Deaf visually-impaired people, blind hearing-impaired people, and people with congenital deafblindness.

Qualification objectives

At the end of the qualification candidates will be able to:

- understand and know how deafblindness affects communication for deafblind people
- use a range of communication methods to support conversation with a deafblind person
- take part in an conversation with a deafblind person
- guide a deafblind person within a building and to a place of safety.

Qualification structure

To achieve the full Level 2 Award in Communicating and Guiding with Deafblind People, learners are required to achieve three units. Unit K202 is the theory unit; Unit T201 and Unit T202 are practical units. Units can be achieved separately.

Signature unit code	RQF unit number	Unit title	Assessment	Unit details
K202	L/601/8630	Understanding Communication with Deafblind People	External: written examination	See Unit K202 Unit Specification
T201	R/601/8631	Communicating with Deafblind People	Internal assessment of practical skills	See Unit T201 Unit Specification
T202	D/601/8633	Deafblind Manual Communication and Guiding	Internal assessment of practical skills	See unit T202 Unit Specification

Essential requirements

It assumes no previous knowledge or experience, but candidates will benefit from having achieved Signature Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness and Communication before they start this qualification.

Candidates for assessment must have clear speech to achieve the requirement listed in unit T201. It is the responsibility of the centre to explain this requirement before accepting a candidate for this qualification.

Candidates for assessment must have sufficient sight or hearing to achieve the objectives listed in Unit T202 without assistance. Reasonable adjustments for candidates needing assistance with vision or hearing will not be permitted, with the exception of low-vision aids or hearing aids/cochlear implants which will allow them to hear an announcement. Signature Level 2 Award in Communicating with Deafblind People (DBC2) is the appropriate qualification for these candidates.

The recommended guided learning hours is 50 hours as shown below:

Unit	Guided learning hours	Additional hours of study	Total learning time	Credit value at Level 2
K202	20	10	30	3
T201	20	5	25	3
T202	10	10	20	2

Total Qualification Time

Guided learning hours (GLH)	Additional study hours	Total Qualification Time	Credit value at Level 2
50	25	75	8 Credits at Level 2

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

Target group

Level 2 Award in Communicating and Guiding with Deafblind People is suitable for those who:

- wish to gain knowledge, perhaps in connection with their work (paid or voluntary), about how deafblindness affects communication for the four main groups of deafblind people
- wish to improve their skills, for use in the workplace or elsewhere, in communicating with deafblind people who use English
- wish to develop simple skills in guiding and the Deafblind Manual Alphabet, for work or personal use.

Progression routes

On completion of Signature Level 2 Award in Communicating and Guiding with Deafblind People, a range of further qualifications are available, including:

- Signature Level 3 Award in Insights into Communication with Congenitally Deafblind People (DBK3).

A range of professional qualifications and other qualifications at Levels 2 and 3 are also available.



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