

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: LEARNERS

How much do courses cost?

Course fees are set by each individual centre. CACDP does not set course fees. Once you have found courses in your area using our Find a Centre search, you should investigate costs with each individual centre.

Are CACDP qualifications accredited?

All CACDP qualifications are accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA). You will find our qualifications listed on the National Database of Accredited Qualifications (NDAQ) – www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk.

Some CACDP qualifications appear on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). These qualifications are:

- Level 1 Certificate in British Sign Language (BSL1).
- Level 1 Certificate in Developing Awareness and Communication with Deaf and Deafblind People (DAC1).
- Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language (BSL2).

How can I compare CACDP qualifications against other qualifications?

All CACDP qualifications appear on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), which categorises qualifications into 8 levels. If qualifications share the same level this means that they are broadly similar in terms of the demand they place on the learner.

To view the National Qualifications Framework, go to www.qca.org.uk.

Some CACDP qualifications appear on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). These qualifications are:

- Level 1 Certificate in British Sign Language (BSL1) – 5 SCQF credit points.
- Level 1 Certificate in Developing Awareness and Communication with Deaf and Deafblind People (DAC1) – 2 SCQF credit points.
- Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language (BSL2) – 9 SCQF credit points.

To view the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework, go to www.scqf.org.uk.

Are there any support materials available?

We offer a range of products designed to help learners with their studies. Qualification Specifications outline the aims and objectives of the course, and we have a selection of DVDs and videos for practice. To view our online catalogue, please go to the 'shop' section of our website. Online ordering will be available in early 2008.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment varies for each qualification. You will find details of how you will be assessed in the Specification for your chosen qualification. These are available to purchase from

CACDP. To view our online catalogue, please go to the 'shop' section of our website. Online ordering will be available in early 2008.

When will I receive my results?

Results are issued within 8 weeks of the assessment date. They will be sent to your Centre Administrator.

Who do I contact if I have a query about my assessment/results?

If you have any questions about your results, please contact the Centre Administrator/Exams Officer at the college where you took your assessment. CACDP cannot deal with enquiries from candidates.

What happens if I fail an assessment?

You should approach your local centre and see whether they are willing for you to re-sit your assessment with them. You can begin the next unit while you are waiting for your re-sit.

Can I appeal against my results?

If you are dissatisfied with your result, you should discuss this with your tutor and/or Centre Administrator/Exams Officer. They must support your appeal, and would make the appeal on your behalf. CACDP cannot enter into correspondence with candidates.

What is the pass rate for each qualification?

Pass rate statistics are published on an annual basis. View them at the following pages:

View 2005 pass rates: <http://www.cacdp.org.uk/2005-stats.pdf>

View 2006 pass rates: <http://www.cacdp.org.uk/2006-stats.pdf>

Is there a minimum age limit for CACDP qualifications?

Some qualifications have a minimum age limit as below:

Qualification	Age
Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2)	Must be 16+
Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deafblind People (CDB2)	
Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deafblind People (Manual) (CDC2)	
NVQ qualifications in British/Irish Sign Language (BSN/ISN3, BSN/ISN4)	
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deaf People (Lipspeaking Skills) (FLS3)	
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deaf People (Notetaking Skills) (FNT3)	
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deafblind People (Manual) (FDB3)	

Qualification	Age
Level 3 Certificate for Language Service Professionals (LSPs) Working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Lipspeaking) (LLS3)	Must be 18+
Level 3 Certificate for Language Service Professionals (LSPs) Working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Notetaking) (LNT3)	
Level 3 Certificate for Language Service Professionals (LSPs) Working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Manual) (LDB3)	
Level 3 Certificate for Language Service Professionals (LSPs) Working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Speech to Text Reporting) (LST3)	
Level 4 NVQ in Interpreting (BSL/English)	

Is there a time limit to complete a qualification?

As candidates can take a break between units, there is no time limit for completing a full qualification. However, where a practical skill forms part of the qualification (e.g. deafblind manual or lipspeaking skills), it would be reasonable to expect the candidate to have maintained the required level of skill at the point of completion, and so time-limits for completing all the units of some qualifications may be set. CACDP will be consulting with stakeholders on how long any such time-limits should be.