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This newsletter is distributed to:

- Registered BSL/English Interpreters, Deafblind Interpreters (Manual), Lipspeakers and Speech to Text Reporters;
- Approved NVQ Assessment Centres;
- The Independent Registration Panel;
- The Registration Panel for Lipspeakers, Deafblind Interpreters (Manual) and Speech to Text Reporters;
- The Consortium of Interpreter Training and Assessment Providers.

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1. General Information

The number of Language Service Professionals (LSPs) registered from September 2006 is as follows:

Category	September 2006
Member of the Register of BSL/English Interpreters	298
Trainee Interpreter (BSL/English)	54
Junior Trainee Interpreter (BSL/English)	83
Member of the Register of Deafblind Interpreters (Manual)	34
Member of the Register of Speech to Text Reporters	20
Member of the Register of Level 3 Lipspeakers	34
Registered Level 2 Lipspeakers	20

The CACDP database has now been updated with details of all new LSPs from 1 September 2006. These figures are the highest ever achieved, and the targets set for 2006-07 have been met.

The next registration date is 1 January 2007, with a closing date for receipt of applications of 31 October 2006.

Please note that all LSPs registered during 2006-07 will automatically be sent a registration pack at the beginning of January 2007, to allow them to renew their registration from 1 April 2007. The closing date for completed applications will be 31 January 2007.

Changes to Contact Details

Please remember to send any updates on changes to registration or advertising details as soon as they occur. These should be sent to Angela Nunn (angelan@cacdp.org.uk) who, wherever possible, will update the Online Directory within 24 hours.

2. Registration and Related Fees

Registration and related fees have been revised for all LSPs with effect from 1 April 2007. The **good news** is that advertising in the Online Directory will be free of charge from this date. Registration fees will be increased in line with cumulative inflation, as the fees have remained the same for five years. The new fees are detailed below:

Registration type	April	September	January
Registration fee			
MRSLI	115	80	40
TI	100	70	35
JTI	80	60	30
L3LS	60	40	25
L2LS	40	30	20
STTR	60	40	25
DBI(M)	60 (30)*	40 (20)*	25 (15)*
Application fee			
	30	30	30
Advertising fee			
	0	0	0

* fee discounted for DBI(M)s also registered as BSL/English Interpreters.

3. News from Registration Panel Meeting for Lipspeakers, Deafblind Interpreters (Manual) and Speech to Text Reporters

The CACDP Lipspeaking, Deafblind and Notetaking/Speech to Text Reporters Qualification Committees were dissolved in Autumn 2005. Former members of these Committees were invited to form a Registration Panel. The first meeting of the Registration Panel for Lipspeakers, Deafblind Interpreters (Manual) and Speech to Text Reporters took place in August 2006, with representatives from each area (i.e. Lipspeakers, Deafblind Interpreters (Manual) and Speech to Text Reporters). There are ten members in total.

The following points were discussed at the meeting:

- i. No changes should be made to the current Ethical Codes and Codes of Practice, Policy Statements or Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures for each area until the new suite of qualifications are completed and accredited.
- ii. The target for 2006-07 of 107 registered ACE LSPs has been met in September 2006, with one more registration date remaining when this number could increase further.
- iii. CRB Enhanced Disclosure checks and Professional Indemnity Insurance continue to be strongly recommended for ACE LSPs but are not compulsory.
- iv. A number of concerns were raised on the position of people holding existing qualifications, once the new portfolio is in place. Although no recommendations on these have been finalised, it was agreed that the 'old' qualifications would still be recognised for registration purposes (for existing registered LSPs) but there may be time limits put on these for new applicants. Currently registered Level 2 Lipspeakers will be allowed to re-register in this category from April 2007, for one year in the first instance.
- v. The Independent Registration Panel (IRP) for BSL/English Interpreters had commissioned a feasibility study from independent consultants to look at the possibility of the Register of BSL/English Interpreters becoming financially independent. It also considered whether it might be beneficial for all concerned if any new freestanding body were to incorporate the provision of all communication covered by the term 'Language Service Professionals'.

One of the recommendations from the study, which was completed in July 2006, is that a single body to hold all the different registers would be preferable. Trudy Field, Chair of the IRP, therefore wrote to Ross Trotter, Chair of the ACE Registration Panel, asking him to seek the panel's views on this proposal. Should there be general agreement from both Registration Panels, there would most likely be a period of time to consult widely before instigating any changes, to ensure support from the professions/associations concerned. The ACE Registration Panel was supportive in principle of these issues being explored further, but had several concerns that could not be answered with the information currently available to them.

More recently (on 18 September), Miranda Pickersgill informed Ross that the CACDP Senior Management Team (SMT) was unable to agree to the package of proposals put forward by the IRP, and was therefore unable to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The main reason for this was that the IRP had not made a satisfactory business case for the establishment of a free-standing, self-financing registration body. Miranda has asked the IRP to undertake the additional work required to produce substantive financial evidence for developing, establishing and maintaining the new body. This information would be needed by the end of February 2007 in order for SMT to discuss it in early March and, if appropriate, to raise it with the Board at their meeting later that month.

Miranda has also asked the IRP to provide evidence of the degree of support that actually exists for a registration body which is financially and organisationally independent of CACDP (or in fact any other organisation). She has reminded the IRP, however, that consultation on support for the proposals should only take place *after* the financial exercise described above has been completed, as it was important that anyone whose view was sought should know the full implications of any response they made.

At its November meeting, the Registration Panel will discuss the IRP's response to CACDP's request, and the implications of this for their own work.

Ross Trotter, Chair
ACE Registration Panel

4. Update on Unitisation of non NVQ CACDP Qualifications

Qualifications accredited

Since the last newsletter, the following qualifications have been accredited:

- Level 1 Certificate in Developing Awareness and Communication with Deaf and Deafblind People (DAC1).
- Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2).
- Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deafblind People (CDB2).
- Level 2 Certificate in British/Irish Sign Language (BSL2/ISL2).
- Level 3 Certificate in British/Irish Sign Language (BSL3/ISL3).

Details of the units they contain, learning hours, and assessment arrangements can be found on the CACDP website – [www.cacdp.org.uk/Qualifications/CACDP Qualifications/New Qualifications 2006](http://www.cacdp.org.uk/Qualifications/CACDP%20Qualifications/New%20Qualifications%202006).

Qualifications awaiting accreditation

A further Level 2 qualification is awaiting accreditation in September 2006.

Qualification Title	Pre-requisite	Qualification Code
Level 2 Certificate in Communicating with Deafblind People (Manual)	None required, DAC1 recommended.	CDC2

The following Level 3 ACE qualifications are awaiting accreditation. These will be accredited by the end of the year or early 2007:

Qualification Title	Pre-requisite	Qualification Code
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deaf People (Lipspeaking Skills)	Level 2 Certificate in Lipspeaking and/or Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2).	FLS3
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deaf People (Manual Notetaking Skills)	Level 2 Certificate in Manual Notetaking, and/or Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2).	FMN3
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deaf People (Electronic Notetaking Skills)	Level 2 Certificate in Electronic Notetaking, and/or Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2).	FEN3

Qualification Title	Pre-requisite	Qualification Code
Level 3 Certificate for Lipspeakers	Level 2 Certificate in Lipspeaking and/or Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2).	LLS3
Level 3 Certificate for Manual Notetakers	Level 2 Certificate in Manual Notetaking, and/or Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2).	LMN3
Level 3 Certificate for Electronic Notetakers	Level 2 Certificate in Electronic Notetaking, and/or Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2).	LEN3
Level 3 Certificate for Speech to Text Reporters	Level 2 Certificate in Communication with Deaf People (CDA2).	LST3

The following Level 3 deafblind qualifications are awaiting accreditation. These will be accredited by the end of the year or early 2007:

Qualification Title	Pre-requisite	Qualification Code
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deafblind People	Level 2 Certificate in Communicating with Deafblind People (Manual) (CDC2).	FDB3
Level 3 Certificate for LSPs with Deafblind People (Manual)	Level 2 Certificate in Communicating with Deafblind People (Manual) (CDC2).	LDB3
Level 3 Certificate in Insights into Communication with Congenitally Deafblind People	2007 accreditation – not yet decided.	KDB3
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deaf People (BSL) (see also below)	Level 3 Certificate in BSL/ISL or NVQ3 BSL/ISL.	FBS3*

*Note this qualification covers Visual Frame-Hands On signing.

The following Level 3 BSL language and/or culture qualifications are also awaiting accreditation. These will be accredited in 2007:

Qualification Title	Pre-requisite	Qualification Code
Level 3 Certificate in The Language and Culture of Deaf People	Not yet decided.	LCD3
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deaf People (BSL)	Level 3 Certificate in BSL/ISL or NVQ3 BSL/ISL.	FBS3
Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deaf People (BSL and English)	Level 3 Certificate in BSL/ISL or NVQ3 BSL/ISL.	FBE3

This information is regularly updated in the New Qualifications Brochure which can be downloaded from the CACDP website – [www.cacdp.org.uk/Qualifications/CACDP Qualifications/New Qualifications 2006](http://www.cacdp.org.uk/Qualifications/CACDP%20Qualifications/New%20Qualifications%202006).

5. Update on Old Qualifications

The following qualifications will be **withdrawn** on the dates given below:

- Level 1 Certificate in Deaf Awareness (30 September 2006).
- Level 1 Certificate in Deafblind Awareness (30 September 2006).
- Level 1 Certificate in Deaf Community and Culture (30 September 2006).
- Level 1 Certificate in Communication Tactics (30 September 2006).
- Level 2 Certificate in Notetaking for Deaf People (31 October 2006).
- Level 2 Certificate in Electronic Notetaking for Deaf People (31 October 2006).
- Level 2 Certificate in Deafblind Support Work (31 January 2007).
- Level 2 Certificate in Lipspeaking (30 September 2006).
- Level 3 Certificate in Communicating and Guiding Skills with Deafblind People (30 September 2006).
- Level 3 Certificate in Lipspeaking (31 October 2006).
- Level 4 Certificate in Deafblind Interpreting (Manual) (already withdrawn).

The last assessment date for all the above qualifications, with the exception of the Level 4 Certificate in Deafblind Interpreting (Manual), is 31 December 2006, **provided that candidates have been registered with CACDP before the withdrawal dates above.** Portfolios for Notetaking and Electronic Notetaking qualifications must be submitted by 31 December 2007.

6. Update on CACDP Level 4 NVQ in Interpreting (BSL/English)

This qualification has now been accredited by QCA. It has been revised to match the new National Standards for Interpreting (CILT, 2006), which define competent performance in interpreting. Successful completion of this qualification enables the candidate to register as a Member of the Register of BSL/English Interpreters in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (MRSLI) if they have also achieved either the Level 4 NVQ in BSL or a BSL module from a university course mapped at this level for registration purposes.

Before embarking on the NVQ assessment programme, candidates must have language competence as set down by the standards-setting body – CILT (The National Centre for Languages). These are as follows:

- The equivalent of Level 5 of the National Language Standards in the first language. At Level 5, candidates can understand and use complex and specialised language. Candidates can deal with all work situations, both within and outside candidates' area of professional expertise.
- The equivalent of Level 4 of the National Language Standards in the second language. At Level 4, candidates can understand and use complex language and express themselves fluently. Candidates can deal confidently with most work situations.

Centres offering the qualification should ascertain the above level of competence before allowing candidates to register for the Level 4 NVQ in Interpreting (BSL/English).

Qualification Structure

To be awarded a Level 4 NVQ in Interpreting (BSL/English), candidates must achieve four mandatory units and one optional unit.

CACDP Unit Code	Unit Title	Mandatory/Optional
INTA1	A1 – Prepare for interpreting assignments	Mandatory
INTB1	B1 – Interpret one-way as a professional Interpreter	Mandatory
INTC1	C1 – Interpret two-way as a professional Interpreter	Mandatory
INTD1	D1 – Develop candidates' performance as an Interpreter	Mandatory
INTE1	E1 – Support interpreting through sight translations of routine written documents	Optional
INTG	G – Work with other Interpreters	Optional