



# SRLPDC

SCOTTISH REGISTER OF LANGUAGE PROFESSIONALS  
WITH THE DEAF COMMUNITY

## Registration Policy

### Introduction

SRLPDC maintains the Register of Communication and Language Professionals who work with Deaf and Deafblind communities in Scotland. Registration is available in various categories and levels depending on a number of factors.

The following lists the current categories and levels:

- British Sign Language/English Interpreters
- Trainee British Sign Language/English Interpreters
- Deafblind Manual Interpreters
- Guide Communicators
- Trainee Guide Communicators, and
- Lipspeakers.

The Guidelines for Agency Registration are available in the 'policies' section of the Home page.

SRLPDC is committed to ensuring that both fully qualified and trainee registrants in any category meet appropriate National Occupational Standards where these currently exist, or which may be developed in the future.

### Eligibility Criteria for Registration

Applicants for SRLPDC registration must meet the following criteria:

- Successful completion of an appropriate 'route to registration' for the category applied for
- Successful completion of SRLPDC application process
- Membership of the PVG Scheme (Disclosure Scotland)
- Proof of Professional Indemnity Insurance (sight evidence must be provided)
- Commitment to continuing professional development (CPD), and
- Payment of fees.

Some categories and levels have additional entry criteria that must be met by the applicant.

The following list of accepted qualifications is by no means exhaustive. If you hold other qualifications, eg unlisted UK qualifications, or those from non – UK countries, please contact SRLPDC and the Board of Trustees will seek guidance from providers and awarding bodies with a view to confirming eligibility.



### 1.1 Registered Sign Language Interpreter - BSL/English

Applicants for registered status in this category are required to successfully complete training both in interpreting and British Sign Language (BSL). The applicants must complete one or more of the following interpreting qualifications:

- Heriot Watt University MA (Hons) BSL (Interpreting, Translating and Applied Language Studies)
- Heriot Watt University MA (Hons) BSL (Interpreting and Translating) [Graduates studying BSL and the amalgamated fourth year course]
- University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) Postgraduate Diploma in BSL/English Interpreting and Translation
- Durham University MA in Translation Studies (Graduates successfully completing the professional pathway including MELA43930 addressed using spoken English and BSL)
- Queen's University MA in Interpreting
- Signature Level 6 NVQ Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting BSL/English
- Signature Level 6 Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting and Translation (2020)
- iBSL Level 6 Diploma in BSL/English Interpreting Studies
- SRLPDC British Sign Language/English Interpreting Qualification (SCQF Level 10)

AND one or more of the following BSL qualifications:

- University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) Postgraduate Diploma in BSL/English Interpreting and Translation
- Heriot Watt University MA (Hons) BSL (Interpreting, Translating and Applied Language Studies)
- Heriot Watt University MA (Hons) BSL (Interpreting and Translating) [Graduates studying BSL and the amalgamated fourth year course]
- Heriot Watt University Diploma course with Grade C or above in Module C40BV1 British Sign Language
- Signature Level 6 NVQ Diploma in British Sign Language
- Signature Level 6 Certificate in British Sign Language (2019)
- iBSL Level 6 Certificate in BSL Studies
- SQA Professional Development Award in Deaf Studies (SCQF Level 8)

Registered BSL/ English interpreters with less than a year's experience as a registered interpreter should not undertake assignments in police or legal settings unless or until appropriate legal settings training has been undertaken.



SRLPDC recommends at least two years of community interpreting should be undertaken before accepting mental health and online interpreting assignments.

### 1.2 Trainee Sign Language Interpreter – BSL/English

Applicants for trainee status in this category must complete an approved BSL training course AND be enrolled on one of the appropriate interpreting training courses listed in 1.1.

SRLPDC recommends a time limit of two years for trainee BSL/ English interpreters to progress to full registration, where and when qualifications are available. This may be extended when qualifications are unavailable for a period.

#### 2.1 Deafblind Manual Interpreter (see Note 1 below)

Applicants for registered status in this category are required to successfully complete appropriate training in Deafblind Manual Interpreting, and are also required to have worked with a range of Deafblind people for more than one year. The applicants must complete one or more of the following qualifications:

- CACDP Certificate in Prescribed Examinations for Interpreters for Deafblind People

OR

- Signature Level 6 Certificate in Working Effectively with Deafblind Manual and Visual Frame and Hands On Signers

OR

- Signature Level 3 Certificate for LSPs working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Deafblind Manual) (LDB3 comprising L304, T304, P301, P302 units)

AND

- A BSL qualification at Level 2 or above.



### 2.2 Guide/Communicator (see Note 1 Below)

Applicants for registered status in this category are required to successfully complete appropriate training in Guide Communicating, and are also required to have worked with a range of Deafblind people for more than one year. The applicants must complete the following qualifications:

- Signature Level 3 Certificate for LSPs working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Deafblind Manual) (FDB3 comprising L304, T304, P301 units)  
AND
- A BSL qualification at Level 2 or above.

### 2.3 Trainee Guide/Communicator (see Note 1 below)

Applicants for Trainee status in this category are required to successfully complete appropriate training in Guide Communicating, and are also required to have worked with a range of Deafblind people for more than one year. The applicants must complete the following qualifications:

- Signature Level 2 Award in Communicating and Guiding with Deafblind People (DBG2 comprising K202, T201, T202 units)  
AND
- A BSL qualification at Level 2 or above.

### 3.1 Lipspeaker (see Note 2 below)

Applicants for Registered status in this category are required to successfully complete appropriate training in Lipspeaking. The applicants must complete one of the following qualifications:

- CACDP Level 3 Certificate for LSPs working with Deaf and Deafblind People (Lipspeaking)
- Signature Level 3 Certificate in Lipspeaking

#### Note 1

In some cases, there may be individuals who have been working in the field for a number of years and hold older CACDP qualifications. These may be considered as appropriate to allow the individuals to register, if they can evidence the qualification and that they have continued to work in this field throughout the time since qualification.

#### Note 2

In some cases, there may be individuals who have been working in the field for a number of years and hold older CACDP Lipspeaking Qualifications. These may be considered as appropriate to list as an 'additional skill' to compliment full registration attained in another category, providing they can evidence the qualification and that they have continued to work in this field throughout the time since qualification.



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## REGISTRATION POLICY

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