



# Qualification Specification

## Level 2 Award in Communicating with Deafblind People

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### Qualification aim

Signature Level 2 Award in Communicating with Deafblind People is designed to enable learners to develop knowledge, understanding and skill in relation to communication with deafblind\* people who use English, and who make use of residual sight and hearing in communication. The deafblind experience is explored in depth and the individuality of the dual sensory loss is the priority. This qualification is seen as the starting point for those who wish to work in the deafblind field.

\* 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.

### Qualification structure

To achieve the full Level 2 Award in Communicating with Deafblind People, learners are required to achieve two units. Unit K202 is the theory unit, and Unit T201 is the practical unit.

Units can be taken in any order and 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

The recommended guided learning hours are 40 as shown below.

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

### Total Qualification Time

Guided learning hours (GLH)	Additional study hours	Total Qualification Time	Credit value at Level 6
40	15	55	6 Credits at Level 2

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

### 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.

## Target group

Level 2 Certificate in Communicating 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, when communicating in English with deafblind people.

## Progression routes

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

- Signature Level 2 Award in Communicating and Guiding with Deafblind People (DBG2)
- Signature Level 3 Award in Insights into Communication with Congenitally Deafblind People (DBK3).

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



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