

# Teacher Policy – General Information

The importance of appointing well-trained and qualified teachers speaks for itself. Those who seek a career in working with deaf people – interpreters, communication support workers, teachers and social workers, for example – all require a high level of skill from their teachers.

Teachers who have an awareness of deaf issues can help to enlighten the general public and combat discrimination against deaf people. In some circumstances, for example in British Sign Language qualifications, candidates' skills can best be developed and assessed in conjunction with someone with first-hand knowledge of deaf culture.

## Terms and Conditions

Centres frequently contact Signature to ask for advice on the appropriate training and qualifications for teachers delivering courses leading to our qualifications.

As an awarding body, we do not directly employ teachers to deliver our qualifications. Centres are responsible for making sure that their teachers are competent to deliver Signature qualifications. We will collect details of staff during the on-line centre approval process. In meeting our [Terms and Conditions](#) the centre must confirm that it has “staff with appropriate qualification and experience to teach our qualifications, have competence in the subject matter of the qualifications, assessment procedures and language(s) used for assessment.”

Teachers should have the following:

- Qualifications and/or professional experience in the subject they are teaching
- a recognised teacher qualification.

## Government requirements

Signature recommends that centres keep up to date with government requirements.

## Training for Teachers

Our training events are designed to help teachers understand the qualification specification and the assessment. It is recommended that teachers attend these events as it will help with the teaching of our units/qualifications. Please see the [Training for Teachers and Assessors](#) section of our website for more information.

**Please note that the requirements for Signature assessors may be different from those for teachers.**