



Notice of Surrender of Recognition

The Institute of British Sign Language

1. The Institute of British Sign Language ('IBSL') is an awarding body recognised by Qualifications Wales, within the meaning of section 4 of the Qualifications Wales Act 2015 (the Act).
2. On 27 January 2023, IBSL gave formal notice to Qualifications Wales under Schedule 3 para 17(1) of the Act that it wished to cease to be recognised in respect of any qualification or description of qualification ('the Surrender Notice').
3. Qualifications Wales hereby gives notice to IBSL under Schedule 3 para 17(3) of the Act that the date on which IBSL will cease to be recognised by Qualifications Wales will be **00:01 hours on Friday 3 March 2023** ('the Surrender Date').
4. In deciding on the Surrender Date, Qualifications Wales has had regard to the need to avoid prejudicing persons who are seeking, or might reasonably be expected to seek, to obtain an IBSL qualification.
5. At any time before the Surrender Date specified in this notice, Qualifications Wales may vary that date by giving further notice to IBSL.

Saving and transitional provisions


6. Under Schedule 3 para 18 of the Act, Qualifications Wales has decided to make the following saving and transitional provisions in connection with IBSL's surrender of recognition.
7. After the Surrender Date:
 - a. IBSL may continue to issue results and certificates to Learners,
 - b. All of the Standard Conditions of Recognition will continue to apply to IBSL and in particular, IBSL must continue to comply with:

- i. Standard Condition H5 in relation to the marking of assessments,
 - ii. Standard Condition H6 in relation to the issuing of results,
 - iii. Standard Condition I4 in relation to the issuing of certificates,
 - iv. Standard Condition I1 in relation to any request for an appeal that it receives,
 - v. Standard Condition A8 in relation to the prevention and investigation of, and dealing with, malpractice and maladministration,
 - vi. Standard Condition D4 in relation to any enquiries or complaints it receives from Users of qualifications.
 - c. Special Conditions IBSL 1-6 imposed on IBSL (as amended on 9 February 2023) will continue to apply to IBSL.
- 8. The saving and transitional provisions will come into force on the Surrender Date and will apply until either:
 - a. IBSL ceases trading, or
 - b. Qualifications Wales gives notice to IBSL that the saving and transitional provisions no longer apply,whichever is the earliest.

Notes

- 9. Qualifications awarded by IBSL on or after the Surrender Date, and while the saving and transitional provisions are in force, will continue to be regulated qualifications under Schedule 3 para 18 of the Act.

Signed:



Jo Richards
Executive Director, Regulation

Dated: 09 February 2023