Deaf, Deafblind and British Sign Language (BSL) Communication Professionals required

**Type:** Freelance/self-employed

**Location:** Flexible with travel from base locations in London, Midlands, North West, North East, South West, South East, and Wales.

**Rates of pay:** Competitive

**About Capita Translation and Interpreting:**

Capita Translation and Interpreting (Capita TI) empowers organisations to communicate with their customers, prospects, and partners using a single and consistent voice. We ensure the tone and style reinforces the brand, no matter what the language or where the customer is located across the world.

We are now the fastest growing Language Service Provider in the world, and in the top 25 of the world’s biggest LSPs (Common Sense Advisory Language Services Sector report 2013). We are trusted by leading public and private sector organisations to provide accurate, timely and cost effective translation and interpreting services in more than 150 languages including Deaf, Deafblind and BSL.

Our experience has helped thousands of businesses translate websites, important documents and digital files so that internal stakeholders and customers alike can gain access to the information they require in whatever language they require it in.

We also provide interpreters if spoken language conversion is required; whether it is over the phone or in a physical location for a face-to-face meeting including Deaf, Deafblind and BSL.

**Overview**

Currently, Capita Translation and Interpreting is experiencing high levels of demand for Deaf, Deafblind and BSL communicators and to further support our customers, we are looking to attract a group of professional freelance communicators to be based around the UK, servicing our clients nationally.

These professional communicators will have the opportunity to work with a variety of people, in many different situations, including schools, colleges or universities, health centres, residential homes, local government offices, hospitals, law courts, police stations and prisons, so your work would usually involve travel, and be varied and rewarding.

You need to maintain confidentiality and impartiality, and only give advice if it improves the communication process.

**About you:**

You will be a qualified Deaf, Deafblind or BSL communicator with qualifications recognised by the Registration Department of Signature (formerly CACDP). Ideally, but not essential, a degree or postgraduate qualification, plus at least one or more of the following:

- Old NVQ Level 4 or new NVQ Level 6 in Interpreting (BSL/English) and at least NVQ Level 6 in BSL
- NVQ Level 3 Certificate in deafblind manual
- NVQ Level 3 Certificate in Lipspeaking
- NVQ Level 3 Certificate in Verbatim Speech to Text Reporting
- NVQ Level 3 Certificate in Notetaking

**Please note:** From September 2010 the NVQ Level 4 has been replaced by the new Signature Level 6 NVQ Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting.

You will also be required to be registered with one or more of the following bodies:

- Association of Sign Language Interpreters (ASLI)
- National Register for Communications Professionals Working with the Deaf and Deafblind people (NRCPD)
- Institute of Linguists (IOL)
- The Council for the Advancement of Communication with Deaf People (CACDP)

**Skills, interests and qualities**

- A good knowledge of the deaf community
- Team working skills coupled with the ability to be self-motivated and independent
- Excellent spoken communication skills
- Confidence when speaking in public
- The ability to keep up intense concentration and think rapidly
- Integrity and a sense of responsibility
- Full UK driving license as the role will require you to drive to locations not on the public transport network. Full travel costs will be reimbursed.