4. Membership

4.1 ABSLTA shall be open to anyone satisfying the eligibility requirements of one of the three categories of membership regardless of disability, race, nationality, gender, sexual preference or beliefs, whether religious, political or otherwise. The only condition for membership shall be to meet the requirements of one of the three categories:

4.2 Full Members –
A Full Member is either:

4.2.1 a currently practising qualified BSL Teacher who is able to provide evidence of relevant qualifications in:
(i)  teaching; and
(ii)  British Sign Language; and
(iii) BSL linguistics; or

4.2.2 a currently practising BSL assessor / verifier who is able to provide evidence of relevant qualifications in:
(i)  assessment / verification; and
(ii)  British Sign Language; and
(iii) BSL linguistics.

4.2.3 For clauses 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 relevant qualifications defined include PGCE, Cert Ed., DTLLS, CTLLS, C & G 7303 C & G 7407, QTLS, Signature NVQ/ Level 6 Certificate in BSL, BSL Linguistics,

Assessor: - A1/TAQA, D32/D33/Level 3 Certificate in assessing vocational achievement,
Verifier: - Level 4 D34/V1/IQAA - Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Process,
External Verifier D35/V2 /EQA/ Level 4 External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

4.3 Affiliate Members –
An Affiliate Member is

4.3.1 an organisation whose Aims and Objectives are aligned with and supportive of that of ABSLTA.

4.4 Associate Members –
An Associate Member is either:

4.4.1 an individual training to qualify as a BSL Teacher or a BSL Assessor / Verifier but does not meet the requirements of a Full Member and can provide evidence of;
   i)  PTTLs; and
   ii) NVQ Level 3 Certificate in BSL and
   ii) BSL Linguistics.

or

4.4.2 an individual who satisfies the qualification requirements for a Full Member but has now retired; or

4.4.3 an individual interested in and supportive of the Aims and Objectives of ABSLTA.