

# Level 1 Swimming Assistant (Teaching) Residential Course Application Pack

This application pack contains

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- An application form for you to complete
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## Key Information

*What is it?*

National Deaf Children's Society is holding a residential course for deaf young people aged 16 - 25 to achieve a Level 1 Swimming Assistant (Teaching) qualification. You will spend four days learning swimming theory and technique, as well as getting hands on experience of teaching swimming with a fully qualified and deaf-aware swimming tutor. **Communication support will be provided.**

Once you are qualified, NDCS will continue to support you to take on:

- Volunteering
- Employment
- Further training opportunities

If there are more deaf swimming teachers and coaches, we believe more deaf children and young people will be inspired to take up swimming and other aquatic sports. We want to enable you to work with other deaf young people in a swimming environment to make this a reality. This is a great opportunity to develop new skills and meet other deaf swimming teachers.

*When is it?*

Arrival	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 [approx 5-6pm]
Course day 1	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018
Course day 2	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2018
Course day 3	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018
Course day 4 and depart	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018 [approx 5-6pm]

You **must** be able to attend all four days of the course.

### *Where is it?*

#### Course venue:

Chase Leisure Centre, Stafford Road, Cannock, WS11 4AL

[www.wlct.org/cannock/leisure-centres/chase/](http://www.wlct.org/cannock/leisure-centres/chase/)

#### Overnight accommodation:

Laches Wood, Outdoor Centre, Slade Heath, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PA

[www.entrustoutdoors.co.uk/](http://www.entrustoutdoors.co.uk/)

Travel between the course venue and accommodation throughout the course will be arranged by NDCS.

### *What does it cost?*

The cost of this course is approximately £700 per person. The National Deaf Children's Society is subsidising a large portion of this cost and asking for a contribution of **£200.00 per person**.

Your contribution of £200.00 will go towards:

- Overnight accommodation
- Morning and evening meals
- Transport throughout the week
- Course and exam fees (RRP £395)
- Tutor costs and expenses
- Pool and classroom hire

You can choose to pay £200.00 all at once, or in two instalments of £100.00.

You must also cover the cost of your travel to the event on the first day and travel home on the last day.

### *How do I apply?*

1. Complete the application form within this pack and return to the National Deaf Children's Society by **9am Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**
2. If you are **under 21**, you must also ask a parent/carer to complete and return the parent/carer permission letter with your application form

You can send your forms to NDCS by post or email.

Post: Ashleigh Scott, National Deaf Children's Society, Vincent House, 92-93 Edward Street, Birmingham, B1 2RA

Email: [swimming@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:swimming@ndcs.org.uk)

*What happens next?*

You will receive a letter in the post by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017** to let you know if your application has been successful or unsuccessful.

If you are successful, you will need to confirm you still want a place on the course by:

- Returning a signed agreement letter to NDCS
- Paying the first instalment of £100.00

## Application Form

To apply for a place on the course, please complete the below application form to tell us a bit about yourself. If you run out of writing space, please continue on another sheet.

### About you

Name				Date of birth	
Address					
Telephone number				Text only? (Y/N)	
Email address					
Preferred communication method	BSL	Oral / auditory	SSE	Other (please detail below)	
Do you have a BSL qualification or equivalent?	BSL Level 1	BSL Level 2	BSL Level 3	BSL Level 6	Other (please detail below)
Current sports qualifications					

Please tell us about your involvement in swimming. You might want to include information on:

- Why you like swimming
- Clubs or organisations you are involved with
- Your biggest achievement in swimming

Please tell us about yourself outside of swimming. You might want to include information on:

- Your school, college or university
- Other sports and hobbies you enjoy
- Any part-time or full-time work or volunteering you have done
- Your biggest achievement outside of swimming

Please tell us what you hope to achieve through this qualification. You might want to include information on:

- How you will use this qualification now and in the future
- Other things that you hope to achieve in the future

Please add any further information that you think is relevant to your application. You might want to include information on:

- Why you feel you would be suitable for this qualification
- Your experience of being deaf

**I confirm the above information is correct**

Signed	
Date	

Please return the application form to:

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Email: [swimming@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:swimming@ndcs.org.uk)

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## Parent/Carer Permission Form

**Important:** If your child requires nursing and/or a high level of personal or physical care, or presents behaviour which impacts on the safety of themselves or others then unfortunately we are currently unable to support them on this event. If you are unsure if this will apply to your child please contact us to discuss *before* you complete this form.

All parents/carers of young people **under 21** must complete this form if their child is applying for the Level 1 Assistant Teacher (Swimming) Residential. To ensure we meet the needs of your child, please complete **all** sections of this form, providing us with as much detail as possible. This will enable us to provide your child with the right level of support and ensure they have a safe and enjoyable experience should their application be successful.

**Please be aware that completing and returning this form does not guarantee your child has a place on the event.** If you do not receive acknowledgement from us within ten days, please contact us to check that we have received your form.

Please complete in full and return with your child's application by **9am Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**.

If you need any help completing this form or would like more information please contact us:

Email: [swimming@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:swimming@ndcs.org.uk)

Telephone: 0121 234 6225

Text: 07808 797 885

In signing this form you are giving permission for your child to attend the Level 1 Assistant Teacher (Swimming) Residential 2018.

### Parent / Carer - information about you

Full Name		Title	
Address			
Postcode		Relationship to child	
Email address			
Telephone (day)		Telephone (evening)	
Mobile		Text only? Y/N	
Are you deaf/hearing		Preferred language	

## Information about your child

Full Name		Date of birth	
Male/Female	Age (at time of event)		
Child's preferred communication method e.g. speech, BSL etc			
Does your child have any additional, needs, disabilities or medical conditions including allergies in addition to their deafness?			
Brief details:			
Does your child have any dietary requirements?			
Brief details:			
Does your child have any <b>behavioural</b> support needs we should be aware of? For example, running off, needing time out, argumentative/fighting?			
Brief details:			
Does your child have any <b>emotional</b> support needs that we should be aware of? For example, are they anxious, history of being bullied, afraid of the dark, bedwetting?			
Brief details:			
Does your child have any <b>physical</b> support needs we should be aware of? For example are they a wheelchair user, limited mobility, severe visual impairment, balance issues? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Brief details			

Is your child on any regular <b>medication</b> that they will bring to an event? Please include details of emergency medication they may require. A more detailed form will be sent to you nearer the event.
Brief details:
Does your child have any <b>cultural or religious support needs</b> that we need to be aware of? For example, prayer time, food requirements?
Brief details:
Does your child have regular contact with other deaf children?
Brief details:
Why would your child benefit from gaining a Level 1 qualification in teaching swimming?

**I confirm the following:**

- I have parental responsibility for the named child.
- All information given here relating to medical, behavioural, and support needs for my child is correct and complete.
- I give permission for this information to be shared and either electronically or manually stored as appropriate within NDCS.
- I understand that if my child is accepted onto the event, relevant information will also be shared with third parties such as the venue/activity providers, medical staff and any regulatory bodies as appropriate.

Signed	
Date	

Thank you for completing this form. Please return with the application to:

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 Email: [swimming@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:swimming@ndcs.org.uk)

The closing date for applications is **9am Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. We will contact both you and your child to confirm whether the application has been successful shortly after this date.



## FAQs

*What level of deafness do I need to apply?*

Young people of all levels of deafness are welcome to apply. NDCS uses the term 'deaf' to mean all types of deafness including temporary deafness such as glue ear.

*I am 15, but I will be 16 when the course starts – can I apply?*

Yes! To attend this event, you must be at least 16 on the first date of the course on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018. If your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday is on or before this date you can apply.

*I would like to attend the course but stay at home instead of the accommodation provided. Will this be ok?*

Yes! This is absolutely fine, but please let us know when you send your application. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer any discount if you choose to stay at home overnight. This is a great opportunity to meet new deaf friends who have similar interests to you, so we really encourage you to make the most of it!

*Is the event open to young people in all parts of the UK?*

No. This event is funded through the deaf-friendly swimming project, a Sport England programme. As a result, this event is only open to deaf young people who live in England. If you live in another part of the UK and would like some help becoming a swimming teacher, please get in touch with us on the contact details below as there may be other things we can do to support you.

*If I am successful, what will be expected of me?*

- You must attend all four course dates in full
- You must complete all homework set during the course
- You must pay NDCS £200.00
- You must sign and return the course agreement when you receive
- You must adhere to the agreement at all times during the course
- You must cover the cost of your own travel to and from the course
- You should support others on the course and work together as a team

*What can I expect from the National Deaf Children's Society?*

- We will provide communication support throughout the course
- We will provide accommodation, travel, all evening and morning meals and fun activities in the evening
- We will meet your cultural and dietary needs
- We will keep you safe and do everything we can to ensure you have a fantastic time and a positive experience

Still have questions? Get in touch!

Ashleigh Scott, Swimming Development Officer, [swimming@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:swimming@ndcs.org.uk), 0121 234 6225