



HYBRID NZSL

ONSITE/ONLINE COURSE



NZSL Hybrid courses: FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. How will the NZSL Hybrid course work?

All students will attend an onsite group class and a tutor will teach virtually assisted by a facilitator in the room to support the students' learning at any level, depending on NZSL tutor's qualification.

2. Can I set up a NZSL course in my hometown, where there is no NZSL tutor available?

Absolutely, Merge NZ has a team of 20+ NZSL tutors from most parts of New Zealand, and we will need to ask whether our tutor will be available to teach from anywhere in New Zealand.

3. What is a NZSL facilitator, what is his/her role?

This role will assist our qualified/provisional NZSL tutor teaching via screen. Facilitator will communicate with NZSL tutor; to prepare teaching materials prior to classes. The facilitator will bring tutor's teaching materials into classes each week and follow tutor's instructions from the screen for e.g. ensure that classes run smoothly. Facilitator needs to have own laptop and to ensure Zoom setup/projection is in order. This will be a paid role.

4. Can I become one of NZSL facilitators in my hometown? Where to go from here?

Yes, Merge NZ will hire NZSL facilitators who have completed NZSL Level 2d as it's important for that person to have enough NZSL skills to communicate with NZSL tutors prior to NZSL course starts. Please email your request with up to 2-3 mins video to info@mergenz.co.nz and explain why you think you would be suitable for this role.

5. How many students do I need to find to set up NZSL hybrid course in my area?

Ideally, Merge NZ will need to have approximately 10 students to register. If you can find 5 or more students to join this course, which would be helpful. Merge NZ will then open registrations to the public and advertise for more people to register. We will need to have a minimum of 7 to 8 students for the course to go ahead, depending on the venue and tutor's costs.

6. What do I need to do to support Merge NZ to make this happen?

Obviously, there is a need to book a training room/classroom for NZSL course to set up in your hometown. If you can provide a name of a community centre, school or private organisation/ individual that can offer the venue for NZSL course to be set up. Our NZSL Courses Co-ordinator will contact and set up the course.