

## **To whom it may concern**

Below please find the official terminology used in the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Paragraph 6.1.1.4, Page 55) regarding the **diversity in the field of hearing loss**, for use in all official documentation when necessary.

## **Hearing impaired or deaf**

*"Persons who are hearing impaired or acquire deafness later in life, might however never utilise SASL as their language of choice. They require access to lip speakers, note-takers, loop systems, captioning and sub-texting for access to information and communication."*

## **Deaf**

*"Deaf persons use South African Sign Language as their first language, and therefore require that they have access to SASL training, in particular for Deaf children and their parents. They require access to SASL interpreters, as well as note-takers, captioning and sub-texting to facilitate access to information and communication."*

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