

“Maltese Sign Language [mdl] (A language of Malta)

- **Alternate Names:** Lingwa tas-Sinjali Maltija, Lingwi tas-Sinjali Maltin, LSM
- **Population:** 200 (2014 Malta Deaf People Association). 200 signers out of 1,000 deaf and hard-of-hearing (2014 Malta Deaf People Association). 2,000 (2014 IMB).
- **Location:** Scattered.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Dialects:** None known. Language isolate, but influence from British Sign Language [bfi](Azzopardi-Alexander 2009). Fingerspelling system similar to French Sign Language [fsl].
- **Typology:** One-handed fingerspelling.
- **Language Use:** Deaf associations.
- **Language Development:** Videos. Dictionary. Bible portions: 2008.
- **Other Comments:** 7 working sign language interpreters (2014 EUD). Taught as an L2. Christian (Roman Catholic).”

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