

“Moldova Sign Language [vsi] (A language of [Moldova](#))

- **Population:** 17,500 total signing deaf in Moldova in all sign languages (2014 IMB).
- **Location:** Scattered.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing). Recognized language (2012, Article 25(1), Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, No. 60).
- **Dialects:** None known. Very similar to sign languages in Ukraine and Russia. (Bickford 2005).
- **Other Comments:** Sign language recognized as the official language of Deaf people, as the first language in deaf education, and as the main means of communication between Deaf people and others. Government measures to encourage media to make their information services available to Deaf. Christian (Orthodox).”

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