

## “Austrian Sign Language [asq] (A language of [Austria](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Carinthian Sign Language, KGS, OEGS, ÖGS, Österreichische Gebärdensprache
- **Population:** 8,000 (2014 EUD). 8,000–10,000 Deaf sign language users (2014 EUD), 39,500 deaf (2014 IMB).
- **Location:** Scattered.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing). Recognized language (2000, Constitution, Section 8(3) as amended).
- **Dialects:** Substantial regional variation: Vienna, Carinthia, Styria, others. Partially intelligible with French Sign Language [fsl]. Russian Sign Language [rsl] is historically connected to it. Fingerspelling system similar to French Sign Language [fsl].
- **Typology:** One-handed fingerspelling.
- **Language Use:** In deaf schools outside of the classroom. Deaf associations.
- **Language Development:** Films. TV. Videos. Dictionary. Grammar.
- **Other Comments:** Originated in 1870. Sign language classes for hearing people, including at two universities. CD-ROM lessons. Christian (Roman Catholic).”

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