

# NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)



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Please note: There are many other qualifications available at various levels.

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### The objectives of this qualification are to:

The aim of this qualification is to prepare learners with the knowledge, skills and understanding to enter work in an early years setting and be included in staff to child ratios.

This qualification requires learners to complete a mandatory work/industry placement experience throughout the duration of the qualification, before certification. The overall GLH for each unit, where applicable, consists of both knowledge-based learning outcomes and skills-based learning outcomes associated with work placement experience, this breakdown has been provided to support with delivery. The total number of mandatory work placement hours is a minimum of 300 hours; however, it is recommended that learners undertake 350 hours where possible.

### Rules of combination

In order to achieve the Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) learners are required to successfully achieve 10 mandatory units/95 credits.

**Duration: 12-18 months** (+ competency-based + distance learning + portfolio) **Cost £2500**

### Mandatory documents

The completion of a 'Record of Assessment Cycle' form is **mandatory**.

- Evidence Record
- Record of Assessment Cycle
- Unit Submission Form

## How the qualification is assessed

Assessment is the process of measuring a learner's skill, knowledge and understanding against the standards set in a qualification.

This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured. The assessment consists of one component:

- an internally assessed contextualised portfolio of evidence, which is assessed by centre staff and externally quality assured by NCFE (internal quality assurance must still be completed by the centre as usual)

Learners must be successful in this component to gain the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6).

This qualification includes both knowledge and skills that meet the Department for Education Early Years Educator (DfE EYE) criteria in full and map to the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) within the Early Years Educator apprenticeship standard ST0135.

## Recommended assessment methods

The assessment methods for the skills-based criteria should include:

- direct observation of learner in work placement/employment (it is essential to include observations)
- professional discussions
- reflective accounts
- expert witness testimonies from lead practitioner and accompanied by professional discussion (where required) to triangulate the evidence (only to be used when observation would not be appropriate)
- work products, for example, policies, reports and records that can be used to underpin or move a professional discussion forward

Skills-based outcomes must be achieved in a RWE and in accordance with assessment principles, they are typically achieved throughout the duration of the programme of study to allow for increasing confidence and competence in practice.

All 10 units are mandatory to achieve this qualification

## Placement in a Real Work Environment

Where the assessment requirements for a unit allows, it is essential that organisations wishing to operate a real work environment (RWE) do so in an environment that reflects a real work setting and replicates the key characteristics of the workplace in which the skill to be assessed is normally employed.

This is often used to support simulation.

### **Placement in a real work environment (RWE)**

The minimum placement hours for this qualification are 300 hours, however it is recommended that learners undertake 350 hours where possible.

### **Age ranges covered by the qualification**

This qualification prepares learners to work with children between birth and five years with knowledge of children up to seven years.

# Progression

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

- Employment:
  - o educator in day nurseries
  - o educator in nursery schools
  - o educator in reception classes in primary schools
  - o pre-school worker
  
- Further education:
  - o NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner (610/4163/4)
  
- Higher education - personal statements may be accepted by universities