

Qualification Factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title and Qualification number (QN)	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6) NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/6133/5)		
Total qualification time (TQT)	Diploma: 950 Extended Diploma: 1284	Guided learning hours (GLH)	Diploma: 864 (includes 300 work/placement hours) Extended Diploma: 1154 (includes 365 work/placement hours)
Entry requirements	Learners must be at least 16 years old. Registration is at the discretion of the centre in accordance with equality legislation and should be made on the NCFE Portal. There are no specific prior skills or knowledge a learner must have for these qualifications. However, learners may find it helpful if they have already achieved a previous level 2 qualification that is full and relevant or holds transferable skills preparing learners to study at level 3.		

About these qualifications

These qualifications are designed 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. They will also allow learners the opportunity to progress to higher education.

These qualifications include 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 occupational standard ST0135 in England.

These qualifications aim to:

- focus on the study of early years education
- offer breadth and depth of study, incorporating a key core of knowledge
- provide opportunities to acquire a number of practical and technical skills

The objectives of these qualifications are to:

- confirm occupational competence (licence to practise)
- confirm opportunities to acquire a number of practical and technical skills

Qualification structure

Diploma

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve **10 mandatory units/95 credits** from the diploma mandatory units.

Extended diploma

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve **10 mandatory units/95 credits** from the diploma mandatory units and **6 mandatory units/33 credits** from the extended diploma mandatory units.

Unit number	Unit title	Diploma	Extended diploma
EYE L3 WF 1	Introduction to the role of the early years educator (T/651/1390)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 2	Holistic child development (Y/651/1391)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 3	Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) (A/651/1392)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 4	Effective communication in an early years setting (D/651/1393)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 5	Safeguarding and welfare requirements (F/651/1394)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 6	Health, wellbeing and safety (H/651/1395)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 7	Promoting an effective early years curriculum (J/651/1396)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 8	Assessment of children's learning and development (K/651/1397)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 9	Understanding play for learning and holistic development (L/651/1398)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 10	Partnership working (M/651/1399)	✓	✓
EYE L3 WF 11	Reflection and supervision in an early years setting (A/651/7199)	N/A	✓
EYE L3 WF 12	Learner-led enquiry in an early years setting (K/651/7200)	N/A	✓
EYE L3 WF 13	Sustainable practice in an early years setting (L/651/7201)	N/A	✓
EYE L3 WF 14	Neuroscience for early years practice (M/651/7202)	N/A	✓
EYE L3 WF 15	Understand the role of the early years educator as an advocate for children with special needs and disabilities (R/651/7203)	N/A	✓
EYE L3 WF 16	Enabling play environments in an early years setting (T/651/7204)	N/A	✓

Assessment

These qualifications are assessed via an internally assessed and externally quality assured portfolio of evidence.

Placement requirements

Diploma

This qualification requires learners to complete a minimum of 300 hours of mandatory work/industry placement experience throughout the duration of the qualification, before certification. However, it is recommended that learners undertake 350 hours where possible.

Extended diploma

This qualification requires learners to complete a minimum of 365 hours of mandatory work/industry placement experience throughout the duration of the qualification, before certification. However, it is recommended that learners undertake 415 hours where possible.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve these qualifications could progress to the following:

- employment:
 - educator in day nurseries
 - educator in nursery schools
 - educator in reception classes in primary schools
 - pre-school worker
- further education:
 - level 4 or level 5 early years and childcare qualifications
- higher education:
 - personal statements may be accepted by universities



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