

# Qualification factsheet

## Qualification overview

<b>Qualification title</b>	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Playwork		
<b>Qualification number (QN)</b>	610/0643/9		
<b>Total qualification time (TQT):</b>	560	<b>Guided learning hours (GLH)</b>	457
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	<p>This qualification is designed for learners who work or wish to work with children between the ages of 4 and 16 in playwork settings.</p> <p>Learners should be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but colleges or training providers may have their own guidelines.</p> <p>Entry is at the discretion of the centre, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and Northern Ireland equality law.</p> <p>There are no specific prior skills or knowledge a learner must have for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they have already achieved a level 1 qualification.</p>		

## About this qualification

This qualification is designed to provide learners with the knowledge and understanding of the principles and theories that underpin playwork and the importance of play in children's lives aged 4 to 16 years. It covers the knowledge and skills needed when working under supervision and requires the learner to demonstrate the full application of knowledge and understanding over a period of time in the workplace.

This qualification reflects the current national occupational standards (NOS) for playwork.

This qualification aims to:

- focus on the study of the importance of play and playwork in children's lives
- offer breadth and depth of study, incorporating a key core of knowledge
- provide opportunities to acquire a number of practical and technical skills

The objective of this qualification is to:

- build knowledge and skills needed to work under supervision with children in a playwork setting

For centres delivering this qualification to meet the Level 2 Playworker apprenticeship standard (England), assessors and tutors should note the recommended guidance when selecting optional units or increase their delivery of the mandatory units to ensure full coverage of the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) is achieved. You can find the 'Level 2 Playworker mapping guidance' document under 'support materials' on the NCFE website.

This qualification can also be undertaken as part of the Welsh playwork apprenticeship framework. Apprenticeship information and the latest documents are available from the Apprenticeship Certificate Wales Framework Library. These should always be consulted to ensure that all mandatory qualifications, units, assessment, on-the-job hours and apprenticeship conditions are achieved and evidenced.

## Qualification structure

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve **56 credits: 40 credits** from the **12 mandatory units**, plus a minimum of **16 credits** from the **optional units**.

In addition, full coverage of the Level 2 Playworker apprenticeship standard (England) is achieved when selecting the following optional units:

- L2PWOP2 Contribute to providing food and drink in the playwork setting (J/650/0587)
- L2PWOP3 Engage with parents, carers and families in the playwork setting (K/650/0588)
- L2PWOP6 Support children's travel outside the playwork setting (Y/650/0591)

### Mandatory units

L2PW1 Understand the playwork principles (A/650/0574)
L2PW2 Understand the playwork setting (D/650/0575)
L2PW3 Meeting children's needs in a playwork setting (F/650/0576)
L2PW4 Child-centred practice in a playwork setting (H/650/0577)
L2PW5 Understand how to support children with additional needs and disabilities in a playwork setting (J/650/0578)
L2PW6 Support relationships in a playwork setting (K/650/0579)
L2PW7 Support children's play (R/650/0580)
L2PW8 Supporting health, safety and security in the playwork setting (T/650/0581)
L2PW9 Risk benefit for children (Y/650/0582)
L2PW10 The safeguarding and welfare of children in a playwork setting (A/650/0583)
L2PW11 Support the work of the playwork team (D/650/0584)
L2PW12 Develop own practice (F/650/0585)

### Optional units

L2PWOP1 Carry out playwork in a school (H/650/0586)
L2PWOP2 Contribute to providing food and drink in the playwork setting (J/650/0587)
L2PWOP3 Engage with parents, carers and families in the playwork setting (K/650/0588)
L2PWOP4 Establish and facilitate playwork in a non-dedicated setting (L/650/0589)
L2PWOP5 Prepare and facilitate specific play opportunities (T/650/0590)
L2PWOP6 Support children's travel outside the playwork setting (Y/650/0591)
L2PWOP7 Support children with additional needs and disabilities in a playwork setting (A/650/0592)
L2PWOP8 Support outside play (D/650/0593)
L2PWOP9 Support children to develop identity and wellbeing (F/650/0594)

## Assessment

This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured via a portfolio of evidence.

The assessment consists of one component:

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

## Placement requirements

This qualification requires learners to complete a mandatory work placement experience throughout the duration of the qualification, before certification.

## Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

- employment:
  - before and after school clubs
  - holiday playschemes
  - adventure playgrounds
  - open access play settings
  - play rangers
- further education:
  - NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Playwork (610/0644/0)
  - NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (610/0645/2)



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