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New unit programmes

Unit programme	**Understand How to Support Children's Development (L/651/2676/UNITCACHE)**
Go-live date	24 February 2026
Useful information	This unit is suitable for learners aged 16 and above. This unit aims to develop knowledge and understanding of children's development from birth to 7 years of age.
Guided learning hours (GLH)	30
Credit	4
Level	2
Fee	£16

Qualification amendment

Qualification	**NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Northern Ireland) (610/5996/1)**
Summary of amendment	Qualification Specification updated to version 1.1. This version includes updates to wording and range statements to improve clarity, accuracy, and alignment with NISCC Standards of Conduct and Practice, including strengthened requirements and added references to specific standards. Acronyms such as SfC&D, GMC, NMC, HCPC, and CPD have been added at first mention to ensure consistency with sector terminology. Formatting corrections were made to align range headings with assessment criteria (AC) wording and to correct learning objective (LO) numbering. These changes enhance clarity, improve consistency across the specification, and ensure compliance with sector and regulatory expectations.
Date amendment comes into effect	30 January 2026

Qualifications	**NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Falls Prevention Awareness (603/2552/5)**
Summary of amendment	This qualification has been reviewed and updated to ensure that it remains current and fit for purpose. Updates have been made to unit content for Unit 01 and updates made to the range table for Units 01, 02, 03 and 04. From 27 February 2026, please refer to the updated Qualification Specification on the NCFE website.
Date amendment comes into effect	27 February 2026

Withdrawals

Qualification	**NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland) (603/4401/5)**
Registration end date	01 April 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	01 April 2028 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	This decision is due to the launch of a replacement qualification, provided by the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC) in collaboration with NCFE, to ensure the offer remains current and aligned with sectoral requirements.
Suitable alternative/ replacement qualification	The replacement qualification, NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Northern Ireland) (610/5996/1), launched on 31 October 2025

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Qualification	**NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Skills for Business: Retail (601/2651/6)** **NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Retail Operations (601/3338/7)** **NCFE Level 1 Award in Retail Knowledge (601/7957/0)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	**NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Skills for Business: Retail (601/2651/6) – 31 July 2029** **NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Retail Operations (601/3338/7) – 31 July 2028** **NCFE Level 1 Award in Retail Knowledge (601/7957/0) – 31 July 2027** These are the last dates we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	These qualifications are being withdrawn due to low registration numbers.
Unit programmes	The following unit programmes will also be withdrawn: Understanding the Control, Receipt and Storage of Stock in a Retail Business (F/502/5810/UNIT) Understanding the Handling of Customer Payments in a Retail Business (H/502/5797/UNIT) Understanding How Individuals and Teams Contribute to the Effectiveness of a Retail Business (J/502/5789/UNIT) Understanding Security and Loss Prevention in a Retail Business (K/502/5817/UNIT) Understanding Customer Service in the Retail Sector (M/502/5821/UNIT)

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Qualification	**NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) and Analytics (610/0585/X)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	31 July 2029 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	This qualification is being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.

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Qualification	**NCFE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Blockchain (610/0522/8)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	31 July 2029 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	This qualification is being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.

Qualification	**NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Mobile Application Development (610/0568/X)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	31 July 2029 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	This qualification is being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.

Qualification	**NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Digital Customer Relationship Management (CRM) (610/0537/X)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	31 July 2028 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	This qualification is being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.

Qualification	**NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Web Design (603/7370/2)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	31 July 2029 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	This qualification is being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.

Qualification	NCFE Level 4 Award in Programming (PHP) (603/7501/2/PHP)
	NCFE Level 4 Award in Programming (Java) (603/7501/2/JAV)
	NCFE Level 4 Award in Programming (Python) (603/7501/2/PYT)
	NCFE Level 4 Award in Programming (C#) (603/7501/2/C#)
Registration end date	31 July 2026
	This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.
	Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal**
	As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	31 July 2029
	This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	These qualifications are being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.

Qualification	**NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Working with Children (501/0417/2)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	31 July 2027 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	This qualification is being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.

Qualification	**NCFE Level 1 Award in Job Search and Employment Potential (601/1280/3)** **NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Job Search and Employment Potential (601/1281/5)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	31 July 2027 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	These qualifications are being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.
Unit programmes	The following unit programmes will also be withdrawn: Preparing to Achieve Own Job Goals (F/503/1557/UNIT) Promoting Yourself and Preparing for a Job Interview (F/503/1560/UNIT) Motivation for Work (D/505/5560/UNIT) Money Matters for Employment (K/505/5559/UNIT) Principles of Marketing (L/505/5554/UNIT) Recruitment Methods (J/505/5570/UNIT) Understanding Business Culture and Values (Y/505/6772/UNIT) Business Start-Up (D/505/6773/UNIT)

Qualification	**NCFE Entry Level Award in Creative Craft (Entry 1) (600/4942/X)** **NCFE Entry Level Award in Creative Craft (Entry 2) (600/4943/1)** **NCFE Level 1 Award in Creative Crafts Using Art and Design (500/5959/2/ART)** **NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Art and Design (601/0677/3)** **NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Art and Design (500/8988/2)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	**NCFE Entry level Award in Creative Craft (Entry 1) (600/4942/X) – 31 July 2027** **NCFE Entry level Award in Creative Craft (Entry 2) (600/4943/1) – 31 July 2027** **NCFE Level 1 Award in Creative Crafts Using Art and Design (500/5959/2/ART) – 31 July 2027** **NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Art and Design (601/0677/3) – 31 July 2027** **NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Art and Design (500/8988/2) – 31 July 2028** These are the last dates we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	These qualifications are being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.

Qualification	**NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Performance Skills (500/9177/3)** **NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Performance Skills (500/9918/8)**
Registration end date	31 July 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	**Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal** As stated in your centre agreement under Section 10, you must ensure each learner is promptly registered in accordance with our Registration and Certification Policy. If your centre fails to register learners ahead of the qualification's withdrawal, this will be considered as malpractice or maladministration as it is in breach of our centre agreement. Should you make late registrations on any of our qualifications, your account will be referred to our Provider Assurance team for them to consider appropriate actions, which may include applying sanctions.
Certification end date	**NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Performance Skills (500/9177/3) – 31 July 2027** **NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Performance Skills (500/9918/8) – 31 July 2028** These are the last dates we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	These qualifications are being withdrawn as part of an NCFE portfolio review.
Unit programmes	The following unit programme will also be withdrawn: Develop Technique for Performance (F/601/2341/UNIT)

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