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New qualifications

Qualification	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) and Analytics (610/0585/X)
Go-live date	1 July 2022
Useful information	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.
	This qualification is designed for learners who are working in, or would like to work in, a role where search engine optimisation and analytics is a requirement. It is ideal for those who want to consolidate their existing knowledge which can support with progression into employment or proceeding to further study in this area.
	Upon successful completion of the required units, the learner will gain the knowledge and skills to support progression into employment in the digital sector, especially in roles requiring the implementation of search engine optimisation strategies.
	This qualification is eligible for DCS.
Guided learning hours (GLH)	180
Total qualification time (TQT)	230
Level	3
Fee	£73





Qualification	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Mobile Application Development (610/0568/X)	
Go-live date	01 July 2022	
Useful information	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.	
	This qualification is designed for learners who want to increase their knowledge, skills and understanding of mobile app development. It is designed for learners who are working in, or would like to work in, mobile app development. It will also support progression into relevant employment and further study in mobile app development. To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve 6 mandatory units.	
	There are no specific prior skills/knowledge a learner must have for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they have already achieved a level 2 digital or information technology qualification.	
	This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured via a portfolio of evidence.	
	This qualification may be eligible for funding. For further guidance on funding, please contact your local funding provider.	
	This qualification is eligible for DCS.	
Guided learning hours (GLH)	185	
Total qualification time	260	
(TQT)		
Level	3	
Fee	£75	





Qualification	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Blockchain (610/0522/8)
Go-live date	01 July 2022
Useful information	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.
	This qualification is designed for learners who want to increase their knowledge and understanding of blockchain. Learners will also be introduced to programming knowledge and skills.
	This qualification will support progression into relevant employment and further study in blockchain.
	This qualification may be eligible for funding, please check our funding page for more information.
	This qualification is eligible for DCS.
	To apply for approval for this qualification please visit the qualification page on the NCFE website.
Learning resources	We are developing some e-learning tasks and activities which will be coming soon to the qualification page on the NCFE website.
Guided learning hours	185
(GLH)	
Total qualification time (TQT)	290
Level	Level 3
Fee	£75





Qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Playwork (610/0643/9)
Go-live date	01 July 2022
Useful information	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.
	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 4–16 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 in the workplace. This qualification reflects the current national occupational standards (NOS) 2016 for playwork.
	This qualification replaces the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ) (500/9047/1) that is withdrew on 30 June 2022.
	This qualification is eligible for DCS.
	This qualification is designated in Wales. It can also be undertaken as part of the Welsh playwork apprenticeship framework. Apprenticeship information and the latest documents are available from Apprenticeship Certificate Wales https://acwcerts.co.uk/web/frameworks-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.
	We are currently awaiting the outcome of our submission for regulation in Northern Ireland.
	The below unit programmes will also be available from 01 July 2022:
	 Carry out playwork in a school (H/650/0586/UNITCACHE) Contribute to providing food and drink in the playwork setting (J/650/0587/UNITCACHE) Establish and facilitate playwork in a non-dedicated setting (L/650/0589/UNITCACHE) Prepare and facilitate specific play opportunities (T/650/0590/UNITCACHE) Support children's travel outside the playwork setting (Y/650/0591/UNITCACHE) Support children with additional needs and disabilities in a playwork setting (A/650/0592/UNITCACHE) Support outside play (D/650/0593/UNITCACHE) Support children to develop identity and wellbeing (F/650/0594/UNITCACHE)





Stakeholder involvement	The following stakeholders have been involved in the development of this qualification:
Stakeholder involvement	 Clybiau Plant Cymru Play Wales Chwarae Cymru PlayBoardNI Belfast Metropolitan College Meynell Games Gateshead College Jarvis Training Management Wirral Metropolitan College Philbrick Education Consultancy Learn Plus Us Coleg Ceredigion Northern Regional College Play Torbay Training, Playwork and Play
Guided learning hours (GLH)	457
Total qualification time (TQT)	560
Credit	56
Level	Level 2
Fee	£105
Funding	Find out more about funding for this and other qualifications on our funding page on the NCE website.





Qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Playwork (610/0644/0)
Go-live date	01 July 2022
Useful information	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 18 and above.
	This qualification is designed to provide in-depth information about the role of the level 3 playworker, and the knowledge required to work with children between the ages of 4–16 years. The certificate is nested within the diploma and is mainly knowledge based with a limited amount of practical application. This qualification reflects the national occupational standards (NOS) 2016 and prepares the learner for employment in a playwork setting at level 3.
	This qualification replaces the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Playwork (501/0993/5) that withdrew on 30 June 2022.
	This qualification is eligible for DCS.
	The qualification is designated in Wales, and we are currently awaiting the outcome of our submission for regulation in Northern Ireland.
Stakeholder involvement	The following stakeholders have been involved in the development of this qualification:
	 Clybiau Plant Cymru Play Wales Chwarae Cymru PlayBoardNI Belfast Metropolitan College Meynell Games Gateshead College Jarvis Training Management Wirral Metropolitan College Philbrick Education Consultancy Learn Plus Us Coleg Ceredigion Northern Regional College





	 Play Torbay Training, Playwork and Play
Guided learning hours (GLH)	204
Total qualification time (TQT)	240
Credit	24
Level	3
Fee	£115
Funding	Find out more about funding for this and other qualifications on our funding page on the NCFE website.





Qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (610/0645/2)
Go-live date	01 July 2022
Useful information	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 18 and above.
	This qualification provides in depth information about the role of the level 3 playworker. The diploma covers the knowledge and skills needed when working unsupervised and requires the learner to demonstrate these in the workplace. It is aimed at experienced playworkers who have an appreciation of the playwork principles and practice. This qualification reflects the national occupational standards (NOS) 2016 and confers competence to lead practice in a playwork setting at level 3.
	This qualification replaces the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ) (501/0997/2) that withdrew on 30 June 2022.
	This qualification is eligible for DCS.
	This qualification is designated in Wales. It can also be undertaken as part of the Welsh playwork apprenticeship framework. Apprenticeship information and the latest documents are available from Apprenticeship Certificate Wales https://acwcerts.co.uk/web/frameworks-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.
	We are currently awaiting the outcome of our submission for regulation in Northern Ireland.
	This qualification has approved funding for:
	 16–19 advanced learner loans level 3 – free courses for jobs
	The below unit programmes will also be available from 01 July 2022:
	 Understand play and wellbeing (M/650/0599/UNITCACHE) Explore different perspectives and influences on playwork (Y/650/0609/UNITCACHE) Understand how to contribute towards running a playwork setting (A/650/1717/UNITCACHE)



Horizons



Your portfolio update

	Facilitating adventure playgrounds (F/650/1719/UNITCACHE)
Stakeholder involvement	The following stakeholders have been involved in the development of this qualification:
	 Clybiau Plant Cymru Play Wales Chwarae Cymru PlayBoardNI Belfast Metropolitan College Meynell Games Gateshead College Jarvis Training Management Wirral Metropolitan College Philbrick Education Consultancy Learn Plus Us Coleg Ceredigion Northern Regional College Play Torbay Training, Playwork and Play
Guided learning hours	458
(GLH)	
Total qualification time	530
(TQT)	
Credit	53
Level	3
Fee	£125







New unit programmes

Unit Programme	Principles of Social Media Within a Business (R/503/9324/UNIT)	
Go-live date	29 July 2022	
Useful information	This unit is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.	
	This unit programme aims to provide learners with an understanding of how social media fits into the objectives and marketing of a business. Learners will understand how to select social media tools and channels for a business and how to measure the success of doing so. Learners will understand how social media policy and guidelines can impact a business and monitor how a business is using social media.	
Guided learning hours	42	
(GLH)		
Credit	6	
Level	3	
Fee	£14	







Reinstated qualifications

Qualification	NCFE Level 5 NVQ Diploma in Management and Leadership (601/4034/3)
Proposed registration end date	31st July 2022
	This was the proposed last date we could accept learner registrations.
Reinstatement date	This qualification will no longer be withdrawn on 31 st July 2022 and will continue to be open for registrations and delivery.
Reasons for reinstatement	This qualification is being reinstated due to customer demand.
Qualification specification	There are no changes to the title, content or structure of the qualification. Please continue to use the existing qualification specification (version 5.1 January 2020) with your learners.

Qualification	NCFE Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Management and Leadership (601/8032/8)
Proposed registration end date	31st July 2022
	This was the proposed last date we could accept learner registrations.
Reinstatement date	This qualification will no longer be withdrawn on 31st July 2022 and will continue to be open for registrations and delivery.
Reasons for reinstatement	This qualification is being reinstated due to customer demand.
Qualification specification	There are no changes to the title, content or structure of the qualification. Please continue to use the existing qualification specification (version 4.0 October 2020) with your learners.

Qualification	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (600/2139/1)





Proposed registration end date	31 st July 2022
	This was the proposed last date we could accept learner registrations.
Reinstatement date	This qualification will no longer be withdrawn on 31st July 2022 and will continue to be open for registrations and delivery.
Reasons for reinstatement	This qualification is being reinstated due to customer demand.
Qualification specification	There are no changes to the title, content or structure of the qualification. Please continue to use the existing qualification specification (version 5.0 October 2018) with your learners.





Qualification updates

Qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy – Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (601/4573/0)
Summary of update	With the support of the Montessori Group, we are lowering the entry age from 18 to 16 for this qualification. After a review, this qualification has suitable content that could be delivered to those aged 16-18. The reason for the amend is to ensure the qualification is in line with other early years qualifications. It will allow those looking for a specialist, dedicated pedagogical approach to start earlier, at the very beginning of their career as a Montessori specialist. It also provides a more visible presence for pedagogical commitment.

Qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Supporting Teaching and Learning (603/2495/8)
	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning (603/2498/3)
	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning (603/2496/X)
Summary of update	We are aware that the below qualifications currently have a designation end date of 31 December 2022 on Qualification in Wales (QiW) website. We would like to confirm that we are currently working with QiW to get these extended. Once the process is completed, we will provide further confirmation and the QiW website will be updated accordingly.
	 NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Supporting Teaching and Learning (603/2495/8) (QW designation code – C00/1215/5) NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning (603/2498/3) (QW designation code – C00/1215/6) NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning (603/2496/X) (QW designation code – C00/1215/7) (approved for the Welsh apprenticeship framework Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools)





Qualifications	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Emergency Paediatric First Aid (603/3400/9)	
	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid (603/0752/3)	
Summary of changes	The following changes have been made to the qualification specifications for the above qualifications:	
J	 total qualification time (TQT) has been reduced non-guided learning hours has been reduced 	
	 assessment criteria updated indicative content added 	
	 additional unit assessment requirements updated relationship to occupational standards updated 	
	Please see the summary of changes within each qualification specification for more information.	
Date changes come into effect	01 August 2022	
	Centres are reminded to use the most up-to-date version of the qualification specifications which will be made available on QualHub on the date that the changes come into effect.	