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Withdrawals

Qualifications	<u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (601/3999/7)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/4000/8)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (601/8436/X)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/8437/1)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education (603/2987/7)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education (603/2988/9)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Montessori Pedagogy from Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (610/4159/2)</u>
Registration end date	<p>31 August 2025</p> <p>This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.</p> <p>Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.</p>
Certification end date	<p>31 August 2028</p> <p>This is the last date we can process learner certificates.</p>
Reason for withdrawal	<p>These qualifications are being withdrawn in response to the Government's announcement that some post-16 qualifications will have their funding removed. Please refer to the table below for details around withdrawals and the last available registration dates for learners for any qualifications and unit programmes that are being withdrawn. Where there are suitable alternative qualifications, these have also been provided. Please visit the NCFE website for more information about the alternative qualifications.</p>



Unit programmes	<p>The following unit programmes will also be withdrawn:</p> <p>Providing safe environments for children L/506/5386/UNITCACHE Child health Y/506/5388/UNITCACHE Play and learning Y/506/5391/UNITCACHE Understanding children's additional needs H/506/5393/UNITCACHE Observation, assessment and planning M/506/5395/UNITCACHE Professional Practice Portfolio 1 R/506/5387/UNITCACHE Professional Practice Portfolio 2 F/506/5398/UNITCACHE</p>
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Suitable alternative qualifications

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NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education (601/3998/5)	This qualification will continue to be available for learners.
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (601/3999/7)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn. From August 2026 the following qualification will be available for registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Education and Early Years (Extended Certificate) (QN TBC)
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/4000/8)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn. Centres may wish to deliver the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> funding unavailable: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6) Adult Skills funded (national or regional): NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (Diploma) (610/3984/6) – available from 01 August 2025 16 to 19 outside the UK: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (QN TBC) – available from 31 October 2025
NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (601/8436/X)	This qualification will have its funding withdrawn and will no longer appear in the Department for Education's (DfE's) performance tables from July 2025.



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	<p>From August 2026 the following qualification will be available for registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Education and Early Years (Extended Certificate) (QN TBC)
NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/8437/1)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn and will no longer appear in the DfE's performance tables from July 2025.</p> <p>Centres may wish to deliver the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 to 19 funded: T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (603/5829/4) funding unavailable: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6) Adult Skills funded (national or regional): NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (Diploma) (610/3984/6) – available from 01 August 2025 16 to 19 outside the UK: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) QN TBC – available from 31 October 2025
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Montessori Pedagogy from Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (610/4159/2)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn.</p> <p>Centres may wish to deliver the following qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (Diploma) (610/3983/4) - available from 01 August 2025
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education (603/2987/7)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn and will no longer appear in the DfE's performance tables from July 2025.</p> <p>From August 2026 the following qualification will be available to for registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Education and Early Years (Extended Certificate) (QN TBC)



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NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education (603/2988/9)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn and will no longer appear in the DfE's performance tables from July 2025.</p> <p>From August 2026 the following qualification will be available for registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Education and Early Years (Extended Certificate) (QN TBC)



Qualifications	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (601/2251/1) NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (Integrated Apprenticeship) (610/1340/7)
Registration end date	<p>31 July 2025</p> <p>This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.</p> <p>Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.</p>
Certification end date	<p>31 July 2028</p> <p>This is the last date we can process learner certificates.</p>
Reason for withdrawal	<p>The introduction of the General Dental Council's (GDC's) new Safe Practitioner Framework (SPF), which will be implemented from 1 August 2025, has resulted in the withdrawal of qualifications that meet the GDC's predecessor Preparing for Practice outcomes.</p> <p>The following two qualifications will be withdrawn from 31 July 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (603/2251/1) • NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (Integrated Apprenticeship) (610/1340/7) <p>Both qualifications have been superseded by the currently live NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (610/3114/8) qualification, which is available for learners to register on.</p> <p>This qualification is designed for those who want to register with the GDC and qualify as a dental nurse. It can be taken either as standalone or part of an apprenticeship. It is a mandatory element within the Dental Nurse (GDC 2023) ST1431 occupational standard (England) and the end-point assessment (EPA) is integrated into this qualification.</p> <p>The qualification reflects the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours a dental nurse must have to practise safely, effectively and professionally and maps fully to the GDC's SPF, in addition it also maps to the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) within the</p>



	<p>Dental Nurse (GDC 2023) ST1431 occupational standard (England). Units include underpinning ethics, professionalism, teamwork and communication, as well as practical dental principles and techniques.</p> <p>This qualification is currently provisionally approved (awaiting full approval) by the GDC and, upon completion, it will enable learners to apply for registration with the GDC.</p> <p>Please visit the NCFE website for further information.</p>
Suitable replacement qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (610/3114/8)
Unit programmes	There are no unit programmes to withdraw with these qualifications.