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New qualifications

Qualification	<u>NCFE Level 5 Diploma: Cloud Systems and Secure Networking (610/5971/7)</u>
Go-live date	01 May 2026
Useful information	<p>This qualification is suitable for learners aged 18 and above.</p> <p>This higher technical qualification (HTQ) is suitable for learners aged 18 and above who want to upskill, retrain, or further their studies within the digital sector. It is designed to give learners the skills, knowledge and behaviours to meet specific employer needs and industry requirements.</p> <p>This qualification does not attract UCAS or performance points and is not eligible for direct claims status (DCS), as it is a technical qualification at level 5 and there are no similar qualifications in the portfolio in this area.</p> <p>To apply for approval for this qualification please visit the qualification page on the NCFE website.</p>
Guided learning hours (GLH)	540
Total qualification time (TQT)	1200
Credit	120
Level	5
Fee	£270



New unit programmes

Unit programme	<u>Understand Physical Disability (J/601/6150/UNITCACHE)</u>
Go-live date	13 April 2026
Useful information	This unit is suitable for learners aged 16 and above. This unit covers an understanding of physical disability, the impact of a physical disability on a person's life and the role played by society. The unit promotes a person-centred approach as an underpinning value in working with individuals with physical disabilities.
Guided learning hours (GLH)	22
Credit	3
Level	3
Fee	£16

Unit programme	<u>Self Development (A/600/3735/UNITCACHE)</u>
Go-live date	15 April 2026
Useful information	This unit is suitable for learners aged 14 and above. This unit explores personal strengths and weaknesses and learning styles and how they influence career and education choices. It covers the identification of personal achievements and strengths in relation to skills and abilities, and the identification of personal goals. All of these are then mapped to available career opportunities and an action plan produced that incorporates goals, actions and a timetable.
Guided learning hours (GLH)	24
Credit	3
Level	2
Fee	£16



Unit programme	<u>The Safeguarding and Welfare of Children in a Playwork Setting (A/650/0583/UNITCACHE)</u>
Go-live date	17 April 2026
Useful information	<p>This unit is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.</p> <p>This unit explores the knowledge and understanding that playworkers need to safeguard and provide for the welfare of children in a playwork setting as well as some elements of practice that playworkers need to support children to keep themselves safe. Some of the learning outcomes in this unit are assessed in a real work environment (RWE).</p>
Guided learning hours (GLH)	32
Credit	4
Level	2
Fee	£16

Unit programme	<u>Understand How to Support Children with Additional Needs and Disabilities in a Playwork Setting (J/650/0578/UNITCACHE)</u>
Go-live date	22 April 2026
Useful information	<p>This unit is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.</p> <p>The aim of this unit is to develop a playworker's knowledge and understanding in supporting children with additional needs and disabilities in a playwork setting. It is aimed at playworkers who do not hold full responsibility but make a significant contribution to supporting play.</p>
Guided learning hours (GLH)	36
Credit	3
Level	2
Fee	£16



Unit programme	<u>Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements (Y/651/0806/UNITCACHE)</u>
Go-live date	6 May 2026
Useful information	<p>This unit is suitable for learners aged 19 and above.</p> <p>This unit explores how the early years educator safeguards children, including wider aspects of child protection, reporting and record keeping. There are opportunities to consider sustainability and sustainable development goals 2 and 6 when exploring the welfare requirements.</p>
Guided learning hours (GLH)	87
Credit	10
Level	3
Fee	£16.00

Unit programme	<u>Supporting Health, Safety and Security in the Playwork Setting (T/650/0581/UNITCACHE)</u>
Go-live date	06 May 2026
Useful information	<p>This unit is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.</p> <p>This unit covers the knowledge, understanding and skills required to maintain health, safety and security in the playwork setting, including dealing with accidents, illnesses and emergencies.</p>
Guided learning hours (GLH)	35
Credit	4
Level	2
Fee	£16



Qualification amendment

Qualifications	<u>NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Working in the Health Sector (601/4128/1)</u>
Summary of amendment	<p>This qualification has been reviewed and updated to ensure that it remains current and fit for purpose.</p> <p>Updates have been made to unit content for Units 01 and 02 and updates made to the range table for Unit 01.</p> <p>Learners registered before 30 April 2026 must follow the previous Qualification Specification Version 5.2, while those registered after 30 April 2026 must follow the updated Qualification Specification Version 5.3.</p> <p>From 30 April 2026, please refer to the updated Qualification Specification on the NCFE website.</p>
Date amendment comes into effect	30 April 2026



Withdrawals

Qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Adult Care (610/0673/7)
Registration end date	<p>31 July 2026</p> <p>This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.</p> <p>Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.</p>
Late registration	<p>Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal</p> <p>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.</p>
Certification end date	<p>31 July 2029</p> <p>This is the last date we can process learner certificates.</p>
Reason for withdrawal	This qualification has been redeveloped, please see the suitable replacement qualification below.
Suitable alternative/ replacement qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leading and Managing an Adult Care Service (610/7215/1)



Qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care (610/0498/4)
Registration end date	<p>31 July 2026</p> <p>This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.</p> <p>Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.</p>
Late registration	<p>Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal</p> <p>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.</p>
Certification end date	<p>31 July 2029</p> <p>This is the last date we can process learner certificates.</p>
Reason for withdrawal	This qualification has been redeveloped, please see the suitable replacement qualification below.
Suitable alternative/ replacement qualification	<p><u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care (610/7192/4)</u></p> <p>This replacement qualification will also form part of <u>Lead Adult Care Worker with Level 2 Functional Skills, APP5099</u></p>