

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner		
Qualification number (QN)	603/3723/0		
Total qualification time (TQT):	370	Guided learning hours (GL)	293
Entry requirements:	Learners must be aged 16 or over. We do not set any other entry requirements but colleges or training providers may have their own guidelines.		

About this qualification

The aim of this qualification is to provide learners with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to 7 years of age with applied knowledge in the early years, 0-5 years. The qualification content meets the Department for Education's (DfE) Level 2 full and relevant criteria for a Level 2 Early Years Practitioner in the workforce.

Upon successful completion of this qualification learners can enter the workforce as a qualified Level 2 Early Years Practitioner or continue to study for a Level 3 Diploma holding Early Years Educator status. Further details can be found on the NCFE website.

This qualification is ideal for learners looking to work with children between birth and 5 years, and gain knowledge of working with children up to 7 years. Learners do not need to have previous experience or qualifications in working with children to undertake this qualification.

Qualification structure

To gain this qualification, learners must achieve a total of 37 credits from all 14 mandatory units.

Mandatory units

R/617/2630 Roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner
Y/617/2631 Health and safety of babies and young children in the early years
D/617/2632 Equality, diversity and inclusive practice in Early Years Settings
H/617/2633 Safeguarding, protection and welfare of babies and young children in Early Years Settings
K/617/2634 Understand how to support children's development
M/617/2635 Support care routines for babies and young children
T/617/2636 Support the planning and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes
A/617/2637 Promote play in an Early Years Setting
F/617/2638 Support well-being of babies and young children for healthy lifestyles
J/617/2639 Support babies and young children to be physically active
L/617/1993 Support the needs of babies and young children with Special Educational Needs and Disability
F/617/2641 Promote positive behaviour in Early Years Settings

J/617/2642 Partnership working in the early years

L/617/2643 Support the needs of the child in preparing for school

Assessment

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods. Knowledge based outcomes can be assessed using non-mandatory assessment tasks provided for tutors' convenience in the qualification specification. Skills based outcomes must be achieved with reference to a real work environment and must include direct observation within the workplace.

Placement requirements

Learners will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement to show competence in both knowledge and skills. We recommend learners complete 250 placement hours whilst undertaking this qualification.

Placement opportunity must allow for skills application with babies and young children sufficient to meet the assessment criteria for the qualification.

Progression opportunities

This qualification allows progression on to the Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and other relevant Level 3 qualifications relating to early years and child care.

For further details of careers in the early years, please refer to the Early Years Progression Map, which can be found on the NCFE website.

This qualification allows a learner to count towards the Level 2 ratio as a qualified Level 2 Early Years Practitioner across the Early Years Workforce.

Learners may work under supervision in a variety of roles such as:

- nursery practitioner
- classroom assistant
- pre-school practitioner



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