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# Purpose statement

**NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to  
Work in Adult Social Care  
QN: 600/0048/X**

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### **What does this qualification cover?**

This qualification will develop your knowledge and understanding of the skills needed to work in the adult social care sector.

You will need to complete 9 mandatory units to achieve this qualification, which include:

- Principles of communication in adult social care settings
- Principles of personal development in adult social care settings
- Principles of diversity, equality and inclusion in adult social care settings
- Principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care
- Principles for implementing duty of care in health, social care or children's and young people's settings
- Understand the role of the social care worker
- Understand person-centred approaches in adult social care settings
- Understand health and safety in social care settings
- Understand how to handle information in social care settings.

As this qualification is knowledge only, completion of this qualification is achieved through classroom-based learning only.

All the units within this qualification are vocationally based, directly helping you gain the knowledge and understanding of the skills required to work in the adult social care sector.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but you will need to be at least 16 years of age.

This qualification will take approximately 6 months to complete.

### **What knowledge and skills will this qualification give you?**

Completion of this qualification will equip you with the essential knowledge and understanding of the skills required to work in the adult social care sector, in the following areas:

- developing communication skills
- using reflective practice for personal development
- concept of inclusion
- identifying different types of abuse, signs and symptoms of abuse, and methods to safeguard individuals
- concept of duty of care, and awareness of dilemmas or complaints that may arise where there is a duty of care
- the nature of working relationships with the employer and others
- concept of person-centred support as a fundamental principle of social care
- health and safety required to work in a social care setting
- good practice in recording, sharing, storing and accessing information in social care settings.

### **Is this qualification right for you?**

This qualification is suitable for you if you are an adult returning to work, or if you are undergoing a career change. You would take this qualification as part of a learning programme to increase your knowledge and understanding of the adult social care sector, or if you are working towards a career in this sector in a supervised job role.

This qualification is ideal for you if you have already completed the Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care qualification, as you will already have a basic understanding of the unit subject matter. Undertaking the Level 3 Certificate will allow you to build on this knowledge and understanding further.

As this qualification is knowledge only, you do not need to be working or undertaking practical placements to take this qualification.

### **Why should you take this particular qualification?**

This qualification is ideal for you if you have previous qualifications in this subject area, and want to further develop your knowledge and understanding of the skills required to work in adult social care.

Our suite of Preparing to Work in Health and Social Care qualifications is made up of two qualifications. These are the:

- Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care

If you want to recognise and develop the essential transferrable skills and attributes that are needed for the preparation for work in adult social care, you should undertake the Level 2 Certificate.

The Level 3 Certificate will allow you to build upon these essential transferrable skills. As you develop your knowledge and understanding across a range of core and specialised areas in adult social care, such as the role of the social care worker, safeguarding and duty of care, you will begin to feel more prepared for this important job role.

On completion of this qualification, you may enter the workforce at this level, or continue to increase your knowledge and understanding by progressing to an appropriate Level 3 qualification in this suite.

This qualification can be taken as part of the Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care. However this qualification is also suitable if you are looking to gain an introduction to the essential knowledge and skills required to work in level 3 roles within the Adult Social Care sector, but are not yet ready, or unable to find suitable employment, to undertake the Apprenticeship.

### **What could this qualification lead to?**

This qualification can support you into employment across the adult social care sector, in a supervised capacity. The vocational knowledge gained by studying this qualification will give you an insight into the duties of an employee working at level 3 in the adult social care sector. Employment opportunities within the sector could include:

- a care worker in a residential home
- community care
- hospices
- voluntary organisations.

If you are looking to continue studying after completion of this qualification, then you will have the knowledge and understanding to progress to the following:

- This qualification relates to the knowledge elements covered across the mandatory units of the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England qualification, and therefore supports progression to this qualification.
- This qualification also forms the knowledge component of the Advanced Health and Social Care Apprenticeship, and therefore supports progression to this Apprenticeship.

### **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is supported by the following providers:

- Newtec
- City of Bristol College
- Venus Training
- New College Durham
- Quest Training
- Loughborough College