



Purpose statement

**NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in an Introduction
to Early Years Settings
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What does this qualification cover?

This qualification provides you with a basic knowledge of childcare within early years settings, working with children up to the age of 5 years old.

The qualification is formed of both mandatory and optional units. From the mandatory units, you will gain knowledge and understanding in the following areas:

- the value of play for babies and young children
- management and organisation in an early years setting.

From the optional units, you will gain knowledge and understanding in the following areas:

- introduction to community development in early years settings
- roles and responsibilities in an early years setting.

Completion of this qualification is achieved through a combination of classroom-based learning and experience in the workplace.

All the units within this qualification are vocationally based, directly helping you gain the knowledge and understanding required to gain an understanding of the provision of childcare available in early years settings.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but you will need to be at least 14 years of age, and it is recommended that you should be volunteering in an early years setting.

This qualification will take approximately 6 months to complete.

What knowledge and skills will this qualification give you?

Completion of this qualification will help you develop a basic knowledge of working with children up to the age of 5 years old in early years settings. The units will introduce you to subjects such as:

- the value of play
- roles and responsibilities of carers and volunteers
- the importance of developing links in the local community.

Is this qualification right for you?

This qualification is ideal if you are considering a career in early years, especially if you are currently volunteering in an early years setting such as a pre-school.

This qualification can be taken whether or not you have previously completed a qualification in a related area.

You do not need to be working to complete this qualification but it is recommended that you should be volunteering in an early years setting.

Why should you take this particular qualification?

You should take this qualification if you want to gain a basic knowledge of childcare within early years settings, working with children up to the age of 5 years old.

There are no larger or smaller versions of this qualification at the same level or at a different level; however, there are several qualifications at Level 2 and above that provide further knowledge and skills relating to childcare and early years (see 'What could this qualification lead to' below).

This qualification is not available as part of an Apprenticeship Framework.

What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification will not lead directly to employment. However, it does provide a starting point for you to decide whether a career in an early years setting is right for you. It could also support you to re-engage with learning and break down barriers to entering the workplace.

If you are looking to continue studying after completion of this qualification, the Level 1 Award in an Introduction to Early Years Settings provides you with the basic knowledge of childcare within early years settings to progress to the:

- Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People
- Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce (England)
- Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner
- Level 2 Diploma in Playwork

Who supports this qualification?

The Level 1 Award in an Introduction to Early Years Settings is supported by the following providers:

- North Hertfordshire College
- Best Practice
- Barking & Dagenham College