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New qualifications

Qualification	<u>NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) (610/7958/3)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) (610/7959/5)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) (610/7960/1)</u>
Go-live date	30 September 2026
Useful information	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 11 and above. This qualification is designed to support secondary schools to meet the statutory requirement to deliver relationships, sex and health education (RSHE). It covers all age-appropriate criteria as set out by the Department for Education (DfE) for pupils in Year 7 to Year 11. The following qualifications are suitable for learners in the specified year groups: • NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) for learners in Years 7 and 8. • NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) for learners in Years 9, 10 and 11. • NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) for learners in Years 7 to 11. Entry is at the discretion of the centre. However, the units of these qualifications are targeted at specific year groups with age and developmentally appropriate content. There are no specific prior skills/knowledge a learner must have for these qualifications. Centres are responsible for ensuring that the qualifications are appropriate for the age and ability of learners. They need to make sure that learners can fulfil the requirements of the learning outcomes and comply with the relevant literacy, numeracy and health and safety aspects of them.



	Learners registered on these qualifications should not undertake another qualification at the same level with the same or a similar title, as duplication of learning may affect funding eligibility. This qualification is eligible for direct claim status (DCS). To apply for approval for this qualification, please visit the qualification page on the NCFE website.
Learning resources	Learning resources will be available from NCFE via the NCFE website.
Guided learning hours (GLH)	Level 1 Award: 72 Level 2 Award: 96 Level 2 Certificate: 168
Total qualification time (TQT)	Level 1 Award: 80 Level 2 Award: 108 Level 2 Certificate: 188
Level	Levels 1 and 2
Fee	Level 1 Award: £33.00 Level 2 Award: £33.00 Level 2 Certificate: £33.00



Extended qualifications

Qualifications	<u>NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Introduction for Workplace Health Champions (603/7027/0)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Skills for Workplace Health Champions (603/7028/2)</u>
Extended date	30 September 2027 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.
Certification end date	Level 2: 30 September 2029 Level 3: 30 September 2030 These are the last dates we can process learner certificates.
Reasons for extension	Demand from centres.
Qualification Specifications	There are no changes to the titles, content or structure of the qualifications, so please continue to use the existing Qualification Specifications (Version 1.2, July 2023) with your learners.



Withdrawals

Qualifications	NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (603/4763/6) NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (603/4764/8) NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (603/4765/X)
Registration end date	16 October 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal 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.
Certification end dates	Level 1 Award (603/4763/6) – 16 October 2027 Level 2 Award (603/4764/8) and Level 2 Certificate (603/4765/X) – 16 October 2028 These are the last dates we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	Following an update to DfE guidance, these qualifications have been redeveloped and a new suite of RSHE qualifications went live on 30 September 2026.
Suitable alternative/ replacement qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) (610/7958/3) NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) (610/7959/5) NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) (610/7960/1)
Unit programmes	The following unit programmes will also be withdrawn:



	K/617/6618/UNITCACHE Relationships, Sex and Health Education (Year 7) H/617/6620/UNITCACHE Relationships, Sex and Health Education (Year 8) K/617/6621/UNITCACHE Relationships, Sex and Health Education (Year 9) M/617/6622/UNITCACHE Relationships, Sex and Health Education (Year 10) T/617/6623/UNITCACHE Relationships, Sex and Health Education (Year 11)
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Qualifications	<u>NCFE Entry Level 3 Essential Digital Skills (603/7119/5)</u> <u>NCFE Level 1 Essential Digital Skills (603/7118/3)</u>
Registration end date	20 October 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal. 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.
Certification end date	20 October 2027 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	Replaced by new externally assessed qualifications
Suitable replacement qualifications	NCFE Entry Level 3 Essential Digital Skills (610/7905/4) NCFE Level 1 Essential Digital Skills (610/7904/2) These qualifications will go live 27 October 2026 and will be externally assessed.



Qualification	<u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland) (603/5355/7)</u>
Registration end date	01 October 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal 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.
Certification end date	01 October 2029 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	There are no learner registrations and no approved centres offering the qualification.

Qualification	<u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland) (603/4724/7)</u>
Registration end date	01 October 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Late registration	Consequences of failure to make timely registration before qualification withdrawal



	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.
Certification end date	01 October 2029 This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	This decision is due to the launch of a replacement qualification, provided by the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC) in collaboration with awarding organisations (AOs) to ensure the offer remains current and aligned with sectoral requirements.
Suitable alternative/ replacement qualification	The replacement qualification is NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care Practice (Northern Ireland) (610/6571/7) . More information about this qualification and how it differs from the qualification being withdrawn can be found here on the NCFE website.

Unit programmes	Unit Programmes Please visit this document to find out which unit programmes are withdrawing.
Registration end date	01 December 2026 This is the last date we can accept learner registrations. Please ensure your learners are aware that these unit programmes are no longer available after the withdrawal date.
Certification end date	01 December 2026 This date matches the registration end date as we currently have no live learners on any of these unit programmes. This is the last date we can process learner certificates.
Reason for withdrawal	These unit programmes have had no registrations in recent years, and we are streamlining our offer in line with local and national skills needs. Although these standalone units are being withdrawn, they will remain in their parent qualification.



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