

Core changes from Generation 1 to Generation 2

Generation 1 (for students registered from 2020-2024)		Generation 2 (for students registered in 2025 and beyond)	
Core content structure	12	Core content structure	7
Core exam/s	2	Core exam/s	1
Core exams timings	4 hours (2 x 2)	Core exams timings	2 hours 30 minutes
Core Employer Set Project	Assessment of all core skills Draws on knowledge across all 12 elements when required	Core Employer Set Project	Assessment of all core skills Targets elements 1 and 7 more explicitly
Assessment weighting	Paper A: 35% Paper B: 35% Employer Set Project: 30%	Assessment weighting	Core exam: 60% Employer Set Project: 40%
Occupational Specialism content – Early Years Educator (EYE)	Broad outcomes	Occupational Specialism content – Early Years Educator (EYE)	More clearly defined outcomes with clearer links to development and care
Occupational Specialism content –Assisting Teaching (AT)	Broad focus on SEND	Occupational Specialism content –Assisting Teaching (AT)	Stronger focus on SEND and curriculum access
Assessment duration (Occupational Specialism)	Early Years Educator: 25 hours 45 minutes to 29 hours 45 minutes Assisting Teaching: 14 hours 30 minutes to 16 hours 30 minutes	Assessment duration (Occupational Specialism)	Early Years Educator: 21 to 26 hours Assisting Teaching: 9 hours 30 to 12 hours