NCFE Reform Qualification Detail from 1 August 2025

On the 1 August 2025 NCFE will be launching a series of qualifications which have been developed as part of Post-16 reforms at Level 3 and below. We are committed to supporting all of our centres to understand their options for delivery and through a smooth transition to ensure that those delivered draw down the appropriate funding and are future-ready, relevant and in line with employer and industry need.

You can find out more about reforms, detail about our individual sector offering, view our support webinars and contact us through our dedicated website page: here

Summary of NCFE qualifications launching 1 August 2025:

Sector	Reform Qual	Legacy Qual	Adult Only	Adult & 16-19
Child Development and Well-Being	11	7	3	8
Direct Learning Support	1	1	1	0
Health and Social Care	4	3	1	3
ICT Practitioners	3	3	3	0
Total	19	14	8	11

Child Development and Well-Being

NCFE Qualification launching 1 August 2025	Legacy Qualification	Reatining Legacy qualification after 31 July	Available for
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (Diploma)	610/4164/6 NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)	Yes	Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Montessori Pedagogy – Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (Diploma)	610/4159/2 - NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Montessori Pedagogy from Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator)	No	Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Specialist in Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators in Early Years Settings (Award)	603/3476/9 NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award for Special Educational Needs Coordinators in Early Years Settings	Yes	16-19 Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Early Years Practitioner (Diploma)	603/3723/0 NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner	Yes	16-19 Adult

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner (Diploma)	603/3723/0 NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner	Yes	16-19 Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Early Years Nutrition (Award)	New		16-19 Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Neuroscience in Early Years (Award)	603/5216/4 NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in An Introduction to Neuroscience in Early Years	Yes	16-19 Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Mental Health in the Early Years (Certificate)	603/5862/2 NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Mental Health in the Early Years	Yes	16-19 Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Adverse Childhood Experiences in Early Years (Certificate)	603/5808/7 NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences	Yes	Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist for the Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator Assistant (Award)	New		16-19 Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist for Designated Safeguarding Officers in Early Years (Award)	New		16-19 Adult

Direct Learning Support

NCFE Qualification launching 1 August 2025	Legacy Qualification	Retaining Legacy qualification after 31 July	Available for
NCFE CACHE Level 3	603/2496/X NCFE		
Technical Occupational	CACHE Level 3 Diploma		
Entry in Supporting	in Supporting Teaching	Yes	Adult
Teaching and Learning	and Learning		
(Diploma)			

Health and Social Care

NCFE Qualification launching 1 August 2025	Legacy Qualification	Retaining Legacy qualification after 31 July	Available for
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Senior Healthcare Support (Diploma)	610/2160/X NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support	Yes	Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Healthcare Support (Diploma)	New		16-19 Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Healthcare Support (Diploma)	New		16-19 Adult
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Technology Enabled Care (Certificate)	603/5155/X NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Technology Enabled Care	Yes	16-19 Adult

ICT Practitioners (Digital)

NCFE Qualification launching 1 August 2025	Legacy Qualification	Retaining Legacy qualification after 31 July	Available for
NCFE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Cyber Security (Diploma)	603/5762/9 NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Cyber Security Practices	Yes	Adult
NCFE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Data Technician (Diploma)	603/7882/7 NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Data	Yes	Adult
NCFE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Digital Support (Diploma)	610/0009/0 NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Digital Support	Yes	Adult