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New qualification (T Levels)

Qualification	<u>T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (Level 3) (delivered by NCFE) (610/5748/4)</u>
Go-live date	1 September 2025
Useful information	<p>This qualification is suitable for students aged 16 and above.</p> <p>The T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years is for students looking to develop both knowledge and practical skills in the education and early years sector. The technical qualification (TQ) will support students onto a range of progression routes including employment, higher education and higher apprenticeships.</p> <p>Occupation specialisms (OSs) included in this TQ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Educator • Assisting Teaching <p>The T Level¹ study programme is eligible for performance points and UCAS points.</p> <p>Approval and direct claim status (DCS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providers already approved for Generation 1 will be automatically approved for Generation 2 when the qualification goes live on 1 September 2025 • providers not currently approved can apply for approval for this qualification by visiting the qualification page on the NCFE website • DCS is not available for this qualification <p>¹'T Level' is a registered trade mark of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.</p> <p>The T Level Technical Qualification is a qualification approved and managed by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.</p>



Learning resources	A set of high-quality learning resources – including schemes of work and session packs – to support aspects of the core delivery will be available soon. These will be accessible from the qualification page on the NCFE website.
Guided learning hours (GLH)	Early Years Educator – 948 Assisting Teaching – 920
Total qualification time (TQT)	Early Years Educator – 1044 Assisting Teaching – 1012
Level	3
Fee	£375



New unit programmes

Unit programme	<u>Introduction to Cyber Security (L/618/1181/UNIT)</u>
Go-live date	17 June 2025
Useful information	<p>This unit is suitable for learners aged 16 and above.</p> <p>The learner will gain an understanding of the need for cyber security and the impact of cyber crime. They will also know about the various job functions in the sector and related key skill requirements.</p>
Guided learning hours (GLH)	20
Level	2
Fee	£15.50



Withdrawals

Qualifications	<u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (601/3999/7)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/4000/8)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (601/8436/X)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/8437/1)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education (603/2987/7)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education (603/2988/9)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Montessori Pedagogy from Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (610/4159/2)</u>
Registration end date	<p>31 August 2025</p> <p>This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.</p> <p>Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.</p>
Certification end date	<p>31 August 2028</p> <p>This is the last date we can process learner certificates.</p>
Reason for withdrawal	<p>These qualifications are being withdrawn in response to the government's announcement that some post-16 qualifications will have their funding removed. Please refer to the table below for details around withdrawals and the last available registration dates for learners for any qualifications and unit programmes that are being withdrawn. Where there are suitable alternative qualifications, these have also been provided. Please visit the NCFE website for more information about the alternative qualifications.</p>



Unit programmes	<p>The following unit programmes will also be withdrawn:</p> <p>Providing safe environments for children (L/506/5386/UNITCACHE)</p> <p>Child health (Y/506/5388/UNITCACHE)</p> <p>Play and learning Y/506/5391/UNITCACHE)</p> <p>Understanding children's additional needs (H/506/5393/UNITCACHE)</p> <p>Observation, assessment and planning (M/506/5395/UNITCACHE)</p> <p>Professional Practice Portfolio 1 (R/506/5387/UNITCACHE)</p> <p>Professional Practice Portfolio 2 (F/506/5398/UNITCACHE)</p>
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Suitable alternative qualifications

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NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education (601/3998/5)	This qualification will continue to be available for learners.
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (601/3999/7)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn. From August 2026 the following qualification will be available for registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Education and Early Years (Extended Certificate) (QN TBC)
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/4000/8)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn. Centres may wish to deliver the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> funding unavailable: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6) Adult Skills funded (national or regional): NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (Diploma) (610/3984/6) – available from 01 August 2025



Qualifications	Suitable alternative qualifications
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 to 19 outside the UK: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (QN TBC) – available from 31 October 2025
NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (601/8436/X)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn and will no longer appear in the Department for Education's (DfE's) performance tables from July 2025. From August 2026 the following qualification will be available for registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Education and Early Years (Extended Certificate) (QN TBC)
NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/8437/1)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn and will no longer appear in the DfE's performance tables from July 2025. Centres may wish to deliver the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 to 19 funded: T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (603/5829/4) funding unavailable: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6) Adult Skills funded (national or regional): NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (Diploma) (610/3984/6) – available from 01 August 2025 16 to 19 outside the UK: NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) QN TBC – available from 31 October 2025
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Montessori Pedagogy from Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (610/4159/2)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn.</p> <p>Centres may wish to deliver the following qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (Diploma) (610/3983/4) - available from 01 August 2025
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education (603/2987/7)	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn and will no longer appear in the DfE's performance tables from July 2025</p>



Qualifications	Suitable alternative qualifications
	<p>From August 2026 the following qualification will be available to for registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Education and Early Years (Extended Certificate) (QN TBC)
<u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education (603/2988/9)</u>	<p>This qualification will have its funding withdrawn and will no longer appear in the DfE's performance tables from July 2025</p> <p>From August 2026 the following qualification will be available for registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCFE CACHE Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Education and Early Years (Extended Certificate) (QN TBC)



Qualifications	<u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (601/2251/1)</u> <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (Integrated Apprenticeship) (610/1340/7)</u>
Registration end date	<p>31 July 2025</p> <p>This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.</p> <p>Please ensure your learners are aware that these qualifications are no longer available after the withdrawal date.</p>
Certification end date	<p>31 July 2028</p> <p>This is the last date we can process learner certificates.</p>
Reason for withdrawal	<p>The introduction of the General Dental Council's (GDC's) new <u>Safe Practitioner Framework</u> (SPF), which will be implemented from the 1 August 2025, has resulted in the withdrawal of qualifications that meet the GDC's predecessor Preparing for Practice outcomes.</p> <p>The following two qualifications will be withdrawn from 31 July 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (603/2251/1) • NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (Integrated Apprenticeship) (610/1340/7) <p>Both qualifications have been superseded by the currently live <u>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (610/3114/8)</u> qualification, which is available for learners to register on.</p> <p>This qualification is designed for those who want to register with the GDC and qualify as a dental nurse. It can be taken either as standalone or part of an apprenticeship. It is a mandatory element within the <u>Dental Nurse (GDC 2023) ST1431 occupational standard (England)</u> and the end-point assessment (EPA) is integrated into this qualification.</p> <p>The qualification reflects the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours a dental nurse must have to practise safely, effectively and professionally and maps fully to the GDC's SPF, in addition it also maps to the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) within the</p>



	<p>Dental Nurse (GDC 2023) ST1431 occupational standard (England). Units include underpinning ethics, professionalism, teamwork and communication, as well as practical dental principles and techniques.</p> <p>This qualification is currently provisionally approved (awaiting full approval) by the GDC and, upon completion, it will enable learners to apply for registration with the GDC.</p> <p>Please visit the NCFE website for further information.</p>
Suitable replacement qualification	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing (610/3114/8)
Unit programmes	There are no unit programmes to withdraw with these qualifications.



Qualifications	NCFE Level 1 Award in Exercise Studies (500/7997/9) NCFE Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Preparations for Coaching Sport (501/1151/6) NCFE Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Activity Leadership (600/0413/7) NCFE Level 1 Award in the Principles of Coaching Sport (600/0460/5)
Registration end date	<p>31 October 2025</p> <p>This is the last date we can accept learner registrations.</p> <p>Please ensure your learners are aware that this qualification is no longer available after the withdrawal date.</p>
Certification end date	<p>31 October 2027</p> <p>This is the last date we can process learner certificates.</p>
Reason for withdrawal	<p>Through our strong partnership working with Active IQ, we are focused on streamlining our product offer and have identified areas of overlap. Therefore, we have taken the decision to withdraw a small number of qualifications in sport and active leisure. Suitable alternatives are available, including qualifications from Active IQ.</p>
Suitable alternative/ replacement qualifications	<p>NCFE Level 1 Award in Exercise Studies (500/7997/9):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active IQ Level 1 Award in Assisting Sport and Physical Activity Sessions (603/6347/2) <p>NCFE Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Preparations for Coaching Sport (501/1151/6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Sport (Sports Coaching) (601/3037/4/COA) <p>NCFE Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Activity Leadership (600/0413/7):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active IQ Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Activity Leadership (500/9806/8) <p>NCFE Level 1 Award in the Principles of Coaching Sport (600/0460/5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Sport (601/2623/1)