

**This tab details Full and Relevant Qualificat**

Qualification Level	Staff:child ratios within which holders of this qualification can be included	From which date
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**Qualifications started on or after 1 September 2024. For guidance**

Qualification Name
BIIAB Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (England)
Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner
Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner
BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years)
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma for Early Years Practitioners
<b>From 2019:</b> Skillsfirst Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (RQF)
<b>From January 2025:</b> VTCT Skills Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (RQF)
TQUK Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (RQF)
Level 2 Children and Young People's Workforce (CYPW) Intermediate Apprenticeship Framework (early years pathway)
Level 2 Early Years Practitioner (EYP) Apprenticeship
Highfield Level 2 Diploma for Early Years Practitioners (England) (RQF)
Level 2 Diploma in Early Years Practitioner
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for Early Years Practitioners (Diploma)
NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner (Diploma) (610/4587/1)

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner (Diploma) (610/4588/3)
TQUK Level 3 Diploma for Early Years Care and Education (Early Years Educator) (RQF)
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Montessori Pedagogy from Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator)
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (Diploma)
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (Diploma)
Early Years Educator (EYE) Level 3 Apprenticeship
T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (Specialism - Early Years Educator)
Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry for Early Years Educator (Diploma)
Open Awards Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Educator
Highfield Level 3 Diploma for Early Years Educators (England) (RQF)
IAO Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Educator
CFI Level 3 Diploma in Integrative Early Childhood Pedagogy (EYE): Holistic Baby & Child Care
CFI Level 3 Diploma in Integrative Early Childhood Pedagogy (EYE): Montessori
<b>From November 2024:</b> VTCT (Skillsfirst) Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Educator
<b>From January 2025:</b> VTCT Skills Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Educator
NQual Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Educator

T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years (Early Years Educator Occupational Specialism)

CFI Level 4 Diploma in Integrative Early Childhood Pedagogy (EYE): Montessori

CFI Level 4 Diploma in Integrative Early Childhood Pedagogy (EYE): Steiner Waldorf

Higher National Certificate in Early Years Professional Leadership for England

LRN Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education (Early Years Educator)

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)

Higher National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care

Higher National Diploma in Early Years Professional Leadership for England
Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care
Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Education)
Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Leadership and Management)
Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Social and Community Care Practice)
NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner
Foundation Degree in Early Years
Foundation Degree in Early Years (with Early Years Educator)
Foundation Degree (Level 5) in Early Years Leadership
FdA Early Years Studies (with Early Years Educator)
TQUK Level 5 Diploma for Senior Early Years Practitioners (RQF)
Foundation Degree in Education in Professional Practice in Childhood Studies (with Early Years Educator)

Diploma Stage of the BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies with Graduate Practitioner Status

FdA Early Years (0-8 years) (Professional Practice)

FdA in Early Years Practice

Foundation Degree in Education: Early Years (with Early Years Educator)

FDA Children's Health Play and Wellbeing (Early Years Educator Status)

Foundation Degree in Early Childhood and Education (Integrated Working with Families and Children)

Foundation Degree Children and Young People – Pathway Early Years with Practitioner Status

Foundation Degree in Early Years Pedagogy 0-8 Full & Relevant Pathway

FdA Early Childhood Studies

Early Years Lead Practitioner (EYLP) Apprenticeship
BA in Education Studies Early Years Educator Specialised Award
BA (Hons) Childhood Studies
BA (Hons) Joint Honours in Education: Education Studies and Early Years
BA (Hons) Joint Honours in Education: Early Years and Special and Inclusive Education
BA (Hons) Joint Honours in Education: Early Years, Psychology and Education
BA (Hons) Joint Honours in Education: Early Years, Business and Education
BA (Hons) Childhood Studies
FdA Early Years Professional
BA (Hons) Education and Early Years
BA (Hons) Early Years
BA (Hons) Early Years (Top up)
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education
TQUK Level 6 Advanced Diploma in Applied Innovative Practice in Early Childhood Pedagogy and Care (RQF)
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies
Degrees and honours degrees at Level 6 which are fully consistent with the QAA subject benchmark statement for Early Childhood Studies and include an element of assessed practice in an early years setting
Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)
Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS)
Early Years Professional Status (EYPS)

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Awarding Organisation Title	Qualification Number
BIIAB	603/5227/9
City & Guilds	603/4935/9
iCan Qualifications (iCQ)	603/5193/7
Innovate Awarding	603/4814/8
NCFE	603/3723/0
Pearson Education Ltd	603/0509/5
Pearson Education Ltd	603/4999/2
<b>From 2019: Skillsfirst</b>	603/5179/2
<b>From January 2025: VTCT Skills</b>	
Training Qualifications UK	603/5096/9
Various	N/A
Various	None
Highfield Qualifications	610/3357/1
NQual Ltd	610/2573/2
Pearson Education Ltd	610/4251/1
NCFE	610/4587/1

NCFE	610/4588/3
Training Qualifications UK	610/3598/1
NCFE	610/4159/2
NCFE	610/3983/4
NCFE	610/4164/6
NCFE	610/3984/6
Various	Not required
NCFE	603/5829/4.
Pearson Education Ltd	610/3956/1
Open Awards	610/4351/5
Highfield Qualifications	610/4238/9
Innovate Awarding	610/4337/0
Crossfields Institute	610/4277/8
Crossfields Institute	610/4278/X
<b>From November 2024: VTCT</b>	610/4887/2
<b>From January 2025: VTCT Skills</b>	
NQual Ltd	610/5611/X

NCFE	610/5748/4
Crossfields Institute	610/4274/2
Crossfields Institute	610/4276/6
Pearson Education Ltd	610/2675/X
Learning Resource Network	610/5390/9
NCFE	610/6133/5
Pearson Education Ltd	603/3899/4

Pearson Education Ltd	610/2676/1
Pearson Education Ltd	603/3900/7
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Pearson Education Ltd	603/3900/7
NCFE	610/4163/4
Kingston University	Not required
Kingston University	Not required
Leeds Trinity University	Not required
University of Bedfordshire	Not required
Training Qualifications UK	610/4121/X
University of Hull	Not required

University of Hull	Not required
University of Worcester	Not required
University of Plymouth / Truro and Penwith College	Not required
Birmingham Newman University	Not required
University of Suffolk	Not required
University of Hertfordshire	Not required
University Of Derby	Not required
NESCOT	Not required
University of East Anglia/ City College Norwich	Not required

Various	None
Bath Spa University	Not required
Nottingham Trent University	Not required
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Nottingham Trent University	Not required
University of East Anglia	Not required
University of Worcester	Not required
Sheffield Hallam University	Not required
University of Greenwich	Not required
University of Greenwich	Not required
University of Hertfordshire	Not required
Training Qualifications UK	610/3586/5
Various Awarding Organisations	Not required
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Notes/Additional Requirements</b></p>
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<p>Where the qualification certificate shows: NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Knowledge only pathway)- the holder cannot count in the level 2 ratios.</p>
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None
<p>Please note that the name of this qualification and awarding organisation changed in January 2025. Qualifications achieved under either name are full and relevant provided that the start date for the qualification aligns with the date of the name change.</p>
None
<p>From 1 September 2019 the level 2 CYPW Intermediate Apprenticeship Framework (early years pathway) will include the new DfE approved EYP qualifications listed on this spreadsheet. The framework will continue to be full and relevant for the level 2 ratios.</p> <p>To note: The Level 2 Early Years Practitioner (EYP) Apprenticeship will replace this qualification from August 2025 for new students. See post Sept 2024 tab.</p>
<p>To note that this Apprenticeship does not contain a mandatory qualification; instead, completion of the Apprenticeship itself will enable practitioners to be counted as holding an approved early years qualification and to work within the Level 2 staff:child ratios in an early years setting.</p>
None
None
<p>This is a new competence-based qualification, which has been developed to meet the EYP criteria and the Early Years Practitioner apprenticeship standard. This qualification is for first teach September 2025 and will replace the BTEC Level 2 Technical in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Practitioner) 603/0509/5 which is a full and relevant qualification accepted by the Department for Education to work in an early years setting.</p>
None

None
From September 2025, this qualification will replace the TQUK EYE Level 3 qualification 601/7670/2 (listed on the F&R Quals list Post Sept 2014 tab). The TQUK EYE Level 3 qualification (601/7670/2) will continue to run for the academic year September 2024-25, but from September 2025, new learners should start on the TQUK Level 3 Diploma for Early Years Care and Education qualification (610/3598/1) if they wish to be counted in the Level
This qualification supersedes qualification NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) 601/4573/0 (listed on the F&R Quals list
This qualification supersedes qualification NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) 601/4573/0 (listed on the F&R Quals list
This qualification supersedes NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) 601/2629/2 (listed on the F&R Quals list Post Sept 2014 tab)
This qualification supersedes NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) 601/2629/2 (listed on the F&R Quals list Post Sept 2014 tab)
This is version 1.3 of this Apprenticeship. To note that this Apprenticeship does not contain a mandatory Early Years Educator qualification; instead, completion of the Apprenticeship itself will enable practitioners to be counted as holding an approved early years qualification and to work within the Level 3 staff:child ratios in an early years setting. This Apprenticeship has been assessed as meeting both the post-September 2014 EYE criteria and the post-September 2024 EYE criteria, and so appears as a 'full and relevant'
The course must be assessed within the EYFS in an Early Years setting in England. Please note: the inclusion of the new EYE criteria (from Sept 2024) is an amendment to practical competencies of assessment in the occupational specialism of the T level, with no impact to the content of the qualification.
The last cohort will start on this course in Sept 2025. From Sept 2026 all new learners should be on the new version of the T level: T Level Technical Qualification in Education
This is a new qualification developed under the Level 3 reforms criteria, this qualification is fully mapped to the Early Years Educator Apprenticeship Standard V1.3 for new starts from
None
This qualification supersedes qualification Highfield Level 3 Diploma for Early Years Educators (England) (RQF) 610/3697/3 (listed on the F&R Quals list Post Sept 2014 tab) which will be withdrawn upon the launch of the new updated version.
None
This qualification will replace the qualification Crossfields Institute Level 3 Diploma in Holistic Baby & Child Care (Early Years Educator) on the Post Sept 2014 tab.
None
Please note that the name of this qualification and awarding organisation changed in January 2025. Qualifications achieved under either name are full and relevant provided that the start date for the qualification aligns with the date of the name change.
None

The course must be assessed within the EYFS in an Early Years setting in England.

Please note: from Sept 2026 only this version of the T level will be in delivery.

None

This qualification will replace the qualification Crossfields Institute Level 4 Diploma in Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Studies (Early Years Educator) on the Post Sept 2014 tab.

This qualification is the mandatory level 4 component of this level 5 qualification: Higher National Diploma in Early Years Professional Leadership for England. Learners cannot complete the HND without completing the HNC.

None

This is an alternative replacement qualification for the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/4000/8) and the NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) (601/8437/1) listed on the F&R Quals list 'Post Sept 2014' tab, which were withdrawn on 31st August 2025.

This qualification is the mandatory level 4 component of these level 5 qualifications:

Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care

Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Education)

Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Leadership and Management)

Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Social and Community Care Practice)

<p>This qualification comprises the HNC Early Years Professional Leadership for England, and additional level 5 units to create the HND Early Years Professional Leadership for England. Learners cannot complete the HND without completing the HNC.</p>
<p>The Higher National Diploma was approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) in January 2024 as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) meeting the occupational level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner occupational standard.</p>
<p>This qualification comprises the HNC Early Childhood Education and Care, and additional level 5 units to create the HND Early Childhood Education and Care. Learners cannot complete the HND without completing the HNC.</p>
<p>This qualification comprises the HNC Early Childhood Education and Care, and additional level 5 units to create the HND Early Childhood Education and Care (Education). Learners cannot complete the HND without completing the HNC.</p>
<p>This qualification comprises the HNC Early Childhood Education and Care, and additional level 5 units to create the HND Early Childhood Education and Care (Leadership and Management). Learners cannot complete the HND without completing the HNC.</p>
<p>This qualification comprises the HNC Early Childhood Education and Care, and additional level 5 units to create the HND Early Childhood Education and Care (Social and Community Care Practice). Learners cannot complete the HND without completing the</p>
<p>This qualification will replace the predecessor version NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner 603/3907/X, listed on the post-Sept 2014 tab, which will be withdrawn on 31st August 2024 and this new version launched on 1 September 2024.</p>
<p>This qualification will replace the predecessor version Foundation Degree in Early Years, listed on the post Sept 2014 tab, which will be withdrawn on 31 August 2024, and this new version launched on 1 September 2024.</p>
<p>This qualification will replace the predecessor version Foundation Degree in Early Years (with Early Years Educator), listed on the post Sept 2014 tab, which will be withdrawn on 31</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>This qualification will replace the predecessor version FdA Early Years Studies (with Early Years Educator), listed on the post Sept 2014 tab, which will be withdrawn on 31 August 2024, and this new version launched on 1 September 2024.</p>
<p>This is an existing qualification with EYE status. Improvements have been made to the qualification which required a new qualification number and some new unit codes. This new qualification will supersede the existing qualification (610/2932/4), listed on the post-Sept</p>
<p>The programme is being amended to ensure that the variant B pathway meets the revised Early Years Educator standards which are in place from September 2024, by mapping the programme to the Early Years Educator standards. This will supersede the qualification</p>

The BA Early Childhood Studies programme has two final exit awards: one with Graduate Practitioner Status (GPS) and one without. Graduate Practitioner Status is a nationally recognised professional status which is further recognised and represented within the QAA benchmark standards for Early Childhood Studies degrees (2022); however, the programme would like to ensure that students who may leave at level 5 [diploma stage] are assured that the programme of study is assessed and approved as full and relevant.

There are two pathways within the degree, the FdA Early Years (0-8 years) and FdA Early Years (0-8 years) (Professional Practice). The FdA Early Years (0-8yrs) (Professional Practice) pathway meets the requirements for Early Years Educator (EYE).

Depending on the pathway selected, students will either complete modules FDEY1004 or FDEY1005 (for Professional Practice) at Level 4 and either module FDEY2004 or FDEY2005 (for Professional Practice) at Level 5. Students wanting to gain the Early Years

Please note that "FdA" stands for "Foundation Degree" in Early Years Practice.

The programme is a revalidation of an already existing Early Years Foundation Degree that has been running at Birmingham Newman University since 2016 which currently carries full and relevant status.

None

From Sept 2024 this qualification will replace the (2019) Foundation Degree in Early Childhood and Education (Integrated Working with Families and Children) (listed on the F&R Quals list Post Sept 2014 tab)

The Foundation Degree is modular in design and comprises of two Stages (Level 4 and Level 5). In order to complete the Level 5 and be included within the Level 3 staff:child ratios upon completion, a learner must have completed the mandatory Level 4 Stage.

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To note that this Apprenticeship does not contain a mandatory qualification; instead, completion of the Apprenticeship itself will enable practitioners to be counted as holding an approved early years qualification and to work within the Level 3 staff:child ratios in an
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This qualification is only full and relevant if the full <b>BA (Hons) Early Years</b> (see row 67 of this tab) has already been completed
None
This qualification is at Level 6 but is not a degree. It has been assessed as fully meeting the Level 3 Early Years Educator (EYE) criteria and will enable qualification holders to be included in the Level 3 staff:child ratios.
Training providers should provide clarification on the below criteria: - The course must be fully consistent with the QAA subject benchmark statement for Early Childhood Studies
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