

Qualification Factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)		
Qualification number (QN)	610/4164/6		
Total qualification time (TQT)	950	Guided learning hours (GLH)	Total: 864 GLH (includes 300 work/placement hours)
Entry requirements	Learners must be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but centres may have their own guidelines.		

About this qualification

The aim of this qualification is to prepare learners to become early years educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to five years and gain knowledge of children aged five to seven years.

Upon achievement of this qualification, it is intended that learners will be able to enter the workforce as early years educators.

In response to the Department for Education (DfE), we have built a qualification to meet the criteria required for those wishing to become early years educators.

We have surpassed the minimum requirements set out in the 'full and relevant criteria' to develop a qualification that reflects the priorities of educators and employers to meet the needs of babies and children.

This qualification aims to:

- focus on the study of early years education
- offer breadth and depth of study, incorporating a key core of knowledge
- provide opportunities to acquire a number of practical and technical skills

The objectives of this qualification are to:

- confirm occupational competence and/or 'licence to practice'
- confirm competence in an occupational role to the standard required

Qualification structure

Mandatory units

EYE L3 WF 1 Introduction to the role of the early years educator (T/651/1390)
EYE L3 WF 2 Holistic child development (Y/651/1391)
EYE L3 WF 3 Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) (A/651/1392)
EYE L3 WF 4 Effective communication in an early years setting (D/651/1393)
EYE L3 WF 5 Safeguarding and welfare requirements (F/651/1394)
EYE L3 WF 6 Health, wellbeing and safety (H/651/1395)
EYE L3 WF 7 Promoting an effective early years curriculum (J/651/1396)
EYE L3 WF 8 Assessment of children's learning and development (K/651/1397)
EYE L3 WF 9 Understanding play for learning and holistic development (L/651/1398)
EYE L3 WF 10 Partnership working (M/651/1399)

Assessment

The assessment method for this qualification is an internally assessed and externally quality assured portfolio of evidence.

Placement requirements

This qualification requires learners to complete a mandatory work/industry placement experience throughout the duration of the qualification before certification.

The minimum placement hours for this qualification are **300** hours; however, it is recommended that learners undertake **350** hours where possible.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

- employment:
 - educator in day nurseries
 - educator in nursery schools
 - educator in reception classes in primary schools
 - pre-school worker
- further education:
 - NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner (610/4163/4)
- higher education – personal statements may be accepted by universities



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