

Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Adult Care – old versus new qualification

To support our centres, we have created this document to show the main differences between the old (and now withdrawn) and new version of the Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Adult Care qualification. The table below summarises these differences.

	Old qualification (603/2422/3)	New qualification (610/0673/7)
Mandatory content	20 units (please refer to the qualification specification for details)	<p>All 20 mandatory units have been redeveloped to reflect updated Skills for Care criteria. We have covered new subject areas reflective of the consultation such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal and mental health and wellbeing • integrated approaches • supervising, supporting and developing others • infection prevention and control skills • contingency planning • conflict management • digital skills
Optional content	13 optional units (please refer to the qualification specification for details)	<p>All optional units have been reviewed to ensure they continue to be fit for purpose. Most of the optional units have minor to no updates and still allow learners to tailor and contextualise their learning.</p> <p>We have created 2 new units which cover finance and budgeting and digital skills.</p>
Rule of combination	Learners must achieve 75 credits from the 20 mandatory units and the remaining 15 credits from the optional units to achieve a minimum of 90 credits .	<p>Learners must achieve 80 credits from the 20 mandatory units and a minimum of 15 credits from the optional units (a minimum of 95 credits in total).</p> <p>We have raised the TQT, GLH and credit values to reflect new content within the mandatory units.</p>
Digital skills	N/A	<p>Digital skills have been highlighted as a key learning and development priority for care workers. The use of digital technologies has been referred to, and embedded throughout, the qualification criteria where relevant to all level 5 learners to enable evolution of the workforce. We have added explicit knowledge and skills around developing digital skills within the adult care workforce. We have also created a new optional unit on digital skills.</p> <p>Please refer to appendix C within the qualification specification for further information.</p>

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Mapping to current Lead Adult Care Worker standard	Mapped and named within standard	The new qualification continues to map to the Leader in Adult Care standard. Please refer to Appendix B within the qualification specification for further information.
Funding	Learner loans Workforce Development Fund	The qualification has been approved for Advanced Learner Loans. We are also waiting for Skills for Care to confirm Workforce Development Funding for the qualification.
Skills for Care approval	Approved by Skills for Care.	Approved by Skills for Care.