

# **Qualification Factsheet**

## **Qualification overview**

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Autism	
Qualification number (QN)	603/1935/5	
Total qualification time (TQT):	230	Guided learning hours (GLH) 189
Entry requirements	Entry is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners should be aged 16 or above to undertake this qualification.	

# About this qualification

This qualification is designed for learners who want to increase their knowledge and understanding of autism. Successful completion of this qualification will allow learners to develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of autism, which would support progression onto appropriate qualifications and into employment within the health and social care sector.

The objectives of this qualification are to gain knowledge and understanding of autism, including:

- how to adopt a positive approach to supporting autistic individuals
- the current legislative framework relating to autistic individuals and how different theories have developed over time
- how to support and manage transitions for autistic individuals
- the range of therapeutic interventions and support available for autistic individuals and co-occurring conditions
- how to support communication and social interaction for autistic individuals
- how to develop an understanding of how autistic individuals may be vulnerable and the support worker's role and responsibilities relating to safeguarding according to legislative requirements

There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they have already achieved a Level 2 qualification in a related subject.

## **Qualification structure**

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully complete six mandatory units.

# **Mandatory units**

Unit 01 Autism in context (R/615/8338)	
Unit 02 Positive behavioural support for autistic individuals (R/615/8338)	
Unit 03 Understand support and management of transitions for autistic individuals (D/615/8343)	
Unit 04 Therapeutic interventions and support available for autistic individuals and co-occurring	
conditions (F/615/8349)	
Unit 05 Communication and social interaction with autistic individuals (A/615/8351)	
Unit 06 Safeguarding and resilience in autism (J/615/8353)	



#### Assessment

This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured by a portfolio of evidence.

# **Progression opportunities**

- employment:
  - o healthcare
  - o social care
  - o leisure
  - education
  - o early years
  - nursing
  - voluntary
- further education:
  - Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
  - Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care
  - Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England)
  - Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support
  - o Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care
  - Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning
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  - Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training



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