

# Qualification factsheet

## Qualification overview

<b>Qualification title</b>	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Preparing to Work in Home Based Childcare		
<b>Qualification number (QN)</b>	603/3642/0		
<b>Total qualification time (TQT):</b>	60	<b>Guided learning hours (GL)</b>	50
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	Learners should be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but colleges or training providers may have their own guidelines.		
<b>UCAS</b>	This qualification has been allocated UCAS points. Please refer to the UCAS website for further details of the points allocation and the most up-to-date information.		

## About this qualification

The Level 3 Award in Preparing to Work in Home Based Childcare has been developed in collaboration with the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY).

This qualification prepares learners to set up a home based childcare setting as a registered childminder.

It is suitable for learners who wish to be employed in home based childcare settings as childminding assistants or other home childcare workers (e.g. nannies, au pairs).

## Qualification structure

In order to achieve the Level 3 Award in Preparing to Work in Home Based Childcare, learners must achieve 6 credits in total. 5 credits from mandatory Unit 1 and a minimum of 1 credit from the units in the optional group.

### Mandatory units

01 Preparing to work as a home based childcare worker
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### Optional units

02 Preparing to set up a home based childcare business
03 Exploring the role of the Nanny

## Assessment

This qualification will be internally assessed. Types of assessment include a Portfolio of Evidence, written assignments or a task. The units within this qualification must be assessed in line with our assessment strategy.

## Placement requirements

This is a knowledge-only qualification, therefore no placement in a real work environment is required.

## Progression opportunities

The qualification is suitable for learners wishing to work as:

- registered childminders
- childminding assistants
- nannies
- au pairs
- other childcarers in home based settings.

Although it does not provide direct progression, the subjects covered in this Award make a useful introduction to our Early Years Educator qualifications.

A paediatric first aid qualification is a requirement of registration for childminders. Learners may wish to consider the Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid.



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