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## New qualifications

<b>Qualification</b>	<a href="#"><b><u>NCFE Level 4 Diploma: Data Analyst (603/7751/3)</u></b></a>
<b>Go-live date</b>	02 September 2024
<b>Useful information</b>	<p>This qualification is suitable for learners aged 18 and above.</p> <p>This qualification is designed to give learners the knowledge and associated skills and behaviours required to work in a variety of roles in data analysis. It will also prepare learners to progress to further study and apprenticeships in this area.</p> <p>This qualification is designed for learners who want to upskill or retrain within the digital sector. It is also suitable for learners who want to further their studies in the digital sector. This higher technical qualification (HTQ) will give learners the skills, knowledge and behaviours to meet specific employer needs and industry requirements.</p> <p>This qualification is eligible for direct claims status (DCS).</p> <p>To apply for approval for this qualification please visit the qualification page on the NCFE website.</p>
<b>Guided learning hours (GLH)</b>	510
<b>Total qualification time (TQT)</b>	1200
<b>Credit</b>	120
<b>Level</b>	4
<b>Fee</b>	£200



<b>Qualification</b>	<a href="#"><u><b>NCFE Level 4 Diploma: Cyber Security Engineer (603/7748/3)</b></u></a>
<b>Go-live date</b>	02 September 2024
<b>Useful information</b>	<p>This qualification is suitable for learners aged 18 and above.</p> <p>This qualification is designed to give learners the knowledge and associated skills and behaviours required to work in a variety of roles in cyber security. It will also prepare learners to progress to further study and apprenticeships in this area.</p> <p>This qualification is designed for learners who want to upskill or retrain within the digital sector. It is also suitable for learners who want to further their studies in the digital sector. This higher technical qualification (HTQ) will give learners the skills, knowledge and behaviours to meet specific employer needs and industry requirements.</p> <p>This qualification is eligible for direct claims status (DCS).</p> <p>To apply for approval for this qualification please visit the qualification page on the NCFE website.</p>
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<b>Qualification</b>	<b><u><a href="#">NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6)</a></u></b>
<b>Go-live date</b>	03 September 2024
<b>Useful information</b>	<p>As part of our commitment to maintaining the highest standards and relevance in the early years sector, earlier this year we announced the approval from the Department for Education (DfE) of our new suite of early years educator (EYE) qualifications. As a result of this, we also confirmed that some current qualifications would be withdrawn, and we are pleased to announce that the direct replacement for NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (601/2629/2) is now available.</p> <p>The new NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6) fully meets the DfE EYE criteria and this qualification can be found on the DfE's <a href="#">early years qualifications list (EYQL)</a>.</p> <p>Key information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and above</li> <li>• it is designed to prepare learners with the knowledge, skills and understanding to enter work in an early years setting and be included in staff to child ratios</li> <li>• it maps to the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) within the Early Years Educator occupational standard ST0135 in England</li> <li>• it has been approved for age16-19, advanced learner loans and level 3 free courses for jobs offer</li> <li>• this qualification is part of three new apprenticeship bundles (please see the apprenticeship standard webpage for more information):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Early Years Educator Apprenticeship (with Functional Skills) (without First Aid) – APP2161</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Early Years Educator Apprenticeship Standard Bundle – Mandatory Qualifications Only – APP8490</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Early Years Educator Apprenticeship Standard Bundle – Mandatory Qualifications and Functional Skills – APP0203</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• UCAS points – please refer to the UCAS website for further details of points allocation and the most up-to-date information</li> <li>• this qualification is available to be taken internationally</li> <li>• all of the units in this qualification will be available as stand-alone unit programmes on 01 October 2024</li> <li>• this qualification is not eligible for direct claims status (DCS)</li> </ul> <p>To apply for approval for this qualification please visit the qualification page on the NCFE website.</p>



<b>Stakeholder involvement</b>	We have worked with a number of sector subject specialists to ensure that this qualification reflects the needs of the early years sector.
<b>Resources</b>	<p>The following resources will be available to support with the planning and delivery of this qualification. Please visit the qualification webpage for further information and to access these documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of 'be able to' assessment criteria – available on 03 September 2024</li> <li>• Flashcards – available on 06 September 2024</li> <li>• Learner Guide – available on 13 September 2024</li> <li>• Glossary – available on 13 September 2024</li> <li>• Tutor Guidance (including internal assessment sample tasks) – available shortly</li> </ul>
<b>Guided learning hours (GLH)</b>	<p>Total: 864 GLH (includes 300 work/placement hours)</p> <p>The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator) (610/4164/6) has been arranged to combine practical skills supervision as part of the guided learning hours. This appears as a larger total than the previous qualification (NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (601/2629/2)) which kept these two components separate. Please be assured that models of delivery and duration of study programmes that you have followed for the previous qualification can be maintained moving forward. The newly revised <a href="#">DfE Early Years Educator Criteria</a> have also contributed to an increase in skills-based competencies and these too attribute to the size of the qualification.</p>
<b>Total qualification time (TQT)</b>	950
<b>Credit</b>	95
<b>Level</b>	3
<b>Fee</b>	£144.50



<b>Qualification</b>	<a href="#"><b><u>NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner (610/4163/4)</u></b></a>
<b>Go-live date</b>	03 September 2024
<b>Useful information</b>	<p>As part of our commitment to maintaining the highest standards and relevance in the early years sector, earlier this year we announced the approval from the Department for Education (DfE) of our new suite of early years educator (EYE) qualifications. As a result of this, we also confirmed that some current qualifications would be withdrawn, and we are pleased to announce that the direct replacement for NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner (603/3907/X) is now available.</p> <p>The new NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner (610/4163/4) fully meets the DfE EYE criteria and this qualification can be found on the DfE’s <a href="#">early years qualifications list (EYQL)</a>.</p> <p>The level 5 qualification is designed to support the development of leadership and management skills in early years and the knowledge and skills relating to early years practice. This qualification is suitable for learners already working in the early years sector in a managerial role, as well as learners that may wish to develop their career or increase their understanding through professional development.</p> <p>This qualification aligns to the Early Years Lead Practitioner occupational standard ST0551 and holds Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) status. HTQs are level 4 or 5 qualifications that have been quality marked by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) to indicate their alignment to employer-led occupational standards. HTQs align to approved occupational standards and allow learners to enter their chosen profession or progress on to higher education. The HTQs currently approved by IfATE are shown <a href="#">here</a>; this includes the NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner (610/4163/4).</p> <p>Key information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this qualification is suitable for learners aged 19 and above</li> <li>• it is designed to prepare learners with the knowledge, skills and understanding to enter work in an early years setting and be included in staff to child ratios</li> <li>• it maps to the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) within the Early Years Lead Practitioner occupational standard ST0551 in England</li> <li>• it is being considered for advanced learner loan and HTQ funding; more information will follow shortly</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this qualification is available to be taken internationally</li> <li>• all of the units in this qualification will be available as stand-alone unit programmes on 01 October 2024</li> <li>• this qualification is not eligible for direct claims status (DCS)</li> </ul> <p>To apply for approval for this qualification please visit the qualification page on the NCFE website.</p>
<b>Guided learning hours (GLH)</b>	<p>Total: 936 GLH (includes 300 work/placement hours)</p> <p>The NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner (610/4163/4) has been arranged to combine practical skills supervision as part of the guided learning hours. This appears as a larger total than the previous qualification (NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner) (603/3907/X)) which kept these two components separate. Please be assured that models of delivery and duration of study programmes that you have followed for the previous qualification can be maintained moving forward. The newly revised <a href="#">DfE Early Years Educator criteria</a> have also contributed to an increase in skills-based competencies and these too attribute to the size of the qualification.</p>
<b>Total qualification time (TQT)</b>	1210
<b>Credit</b>	121
<b>Level</b>	5
<b>Fee</b>	£260



<p><b>Qualifications</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u><b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Montessori Pedagogy from Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (610/4159/2)</b></u></a>  <a href="#"><u><b>NCFE CACHE Level 4 Diploma in Early Years Montessori Pedagogy from Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (610/4160/9)</b></u></a></p>
<p><b>Go-live date</b></p>	<p>03 September 2024</p>
<p><b>Useful information</b></p>	<p>The Level 3 qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and over and designed for learners who wish to become a Montessori educator, acting as a key person in the Montessori classroom.</p> <p>The Level 4 qualification is suitable for learners aged 18 and over and designed for learners to develop an increased understanding of Montessori pedagogy in early years, including preparing to take on a leadership role.</p> <p>These new qualifications fully meet the Department for Education (DfE) Early Years Educator (EYE) criteria and they can be found on the DfE's <a href="#"><u>early years qualifications list</u></a>.</p> <p>These qualifications replace the NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) (601/4573/0) and the NCFE CACHE Level 4 Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early years Educator) 601/4481/6, which were both withdrawn 31 August 2024.</p> <p>Key information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• these qualifications are not eligible for direct claims status (DCS) as they are licence to practise qualifications</li> <li>• the level 3 is mapped to the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) within the Early Years Educator occupational standard ST0135 in England</li> <li>• the level 3 has been approved for age 16 to 19 advanced learner loans and level 3 free courses for jobs offer</li> <li>• UCAS points – please refer to the UCAS website for further details of points allocation and the most up-to-date information</li> <li>• these qualifications are available to be taken internationally</li> <li>• all of the units within these qualifications will be available as stand-alone unit programmes on 01 October 2024</li> </ul> <p>To apply for approval for these qualifications please visit the qualification pages on the NCFE website. All centres with approval for the existing qualifications will have their approvals transferred to the new qualifications.</p>





<p><b>Guided learning hours (GLH)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 3: total 690 GLH (includes 400 work/placement hours)</li> <li>• Level 4: total 630 GLH (includes 400 work/placement hours)</li> </ul> <p>These qualifications have been arranged to combine practical skills supervision as part of the guided learning hours (GLH). This appears as a larger total than the previous qualifications, which kept these two components separate. Please be assured that models of delivery and duration of study programmes that you have followed for the previous qualifications can be maintained moving forward. The newly revised <a href="#">DfE EYE criteria</a> have also contributed to an increase in skills-based competencies and these too attribute to the size of the qualifications.</p>
<p><b>Total qualification time (TQT)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 3: 760</li> <li>• Level 4: 690</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 3: £252.50</li> <li>• Level 4: £268.50</li> </ul>