

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Playwork NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ)		
Qualification number (QN)	501/0993/5 501/0997/2		
Total qualification time (TQT):	320 650	Guided learning hours (GL)	240 486
Entry requirements:	There are no formal entry requirements for these qualifications but learners will need to be at least 18 years of age		

About these qualifications

These qualifications will give learners the skills, knowledge and understanding required for playworkers at Level 3 based on the National Occupational Standards. They allow a stepped approach to learning with shared units between the Award, Certificate and Diploma. The Award and Certificate have a limited amount of practical application in a work setting.

They are primarily designed for those working or wishing to work in a senior role with children and young people between 4-16 years of age in a variety of play environments and allow learners to achieve above the level of the qualification (Diploma only) as it contains optional units at Level 4.

Qualification structure

Level 3 Certificate in Playwork

To achieve the Certificate learners will need to complete a total of 32 credits from the mandatory units.

Mandatory units

Understand Playwork Principles
Understand children and young people's self-directed play
Understand how to safeguard the well-being of children and young people
Understand the organisational framework for play
Understand how to support positive outcomes for children and young people
Understand relationships in the play environment
Understand health, safety and security in the play environment
Understand how to plan for and support children and young people's self-directed play
Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings

Level 3 Diploma (NVQ) in Playwork

To achieve the Diploma learners will need to complete a total of 65 credits. 46 credits must come from the mandatory units and then a further 19 credits are required from a choice of optional units.

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Understand how to support positive outcomes for children and young people
Understand relationships in the play environment
Understand health, safety and security in the play environment
Understand how to plan for and support children and young people's self-directed play
Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings
Contribute to an organisational framework that reflects the needs and protects the rights of children and young people
Develop and maintain a healthy, safe and secure play environment for children and young people
Develop and promote positive relationships in the play environment
Plan for and support children and young people's self-directed play

Assessment

All units are internally assessed. Assessment enables the learner's workplace practice to provide evidence for individual units as well as the whole qualification.

Methods of assessment could include:

- direct observations of learner's practice
- inference of knowledge from direct observation of practice
- witness evidence
- reflection on own practice in real work situations
- task set by us for knowledge learning outcomes only.

Placement requirements

Experience of working in play environments will be required as learners must show competence in both knowledge and skills.

Progression opportunities

Level 3 Certificate in Playwork

The aim of this qualification is to provide in-depth information about the role of the Level 3 playworker. The knowledge, with a limited amount of practical application in a Playwork environment, is derived from the National Occupational Standards.

The Certificate is intended to prepare learners for employment at Level 3. It does not confirm occupational competence, only that the learner is ready to enter employment as a Level 3 playworker.

This qualification provides opportunities for the learner to progress to the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ), to a playwork foundation degree and into the workforce. This qualification is for learners aged 18 plus.

Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ)

The aim of the Diploma (NVQ) is to confirm the learner's competence to work in a Level 3 work role in a playwork environment. It requires the learner to demonstrate the full application of skills, knowledge and understanding, based on the National Occupational Standards, over a period of time in a real work environment. This is reflected by including '(NVQ)' in the qualification title.

This qualification provides opportunities for the learner to progress to a management role in a playwork environment, to a playwork foundation degree and into the workforce.



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