



# NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education & Care

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Qualification facts

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# About this qualification

The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education and Care prepares learners to work with children from birth to 5 years and includes knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years. This qualification provides learners with a direct progression route on to the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator).

## Entry requirements

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.

## Experience in the workplace

Learners will need to have access to a real work environment, as they need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

## Qualification structure

This qualification is comprised of Themes 1 and 2 from the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator) plus one additional unit on reflective practice.

In order to achieve the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education and Care, learners must achieve 12 mandatory units and a short answer examination. The qualification is graded A\*-D. The final grade awarded will be based on the overall mark achieved from the short answer examination.

GLH: 240

## Mandatory units

There are 12 mandatory units: Theme 1 and Theme 2 plus a reflective practice unit.

### Theme 1: Health and well-being

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	GLH
Y/505/8117	Support healthy lifestyles for children through the provision of food and nutrition	Knowledge/ Skills	2	20
D/505/8118	Support healthy lifestyles for children through exercise	Knowledge/ Skills	2	12
H/505/8119	Support physical care routines for children	Knowledge/ Skills	2	14
Y/505/8120	Promote children's emotional well-being	Knowledge/ Skills	3	21
H/505/8122	Understand how to support children who are unwell	Knowledge	3	19
D/505/8135	Understand the needs of the mother and baby during pre-conception, pregnancy and the first year of life	Knowledge	3	22

## Theme 2: Legislation, frameworks and professional practice

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	GLH
K/505/8123	An introduction to the role of the early years practitioner	Knowledge/ Skills	2	10
M/505/8124	Understand legislation relating to the safeguarding, protection and welfare of children	Knowledge	3	21
F/505/8127	Use legislation relating to the health and safety of children	Knowledge/ Skills	3	23
L/505/8129	Use legislation relating to equality, diversity and inclusive practice	Knowledge/ Skills	3	25
D/505/8121	Work in partnership	Knowledge/ Skills	3	22

## Reflecting on practice

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	GLH
H/506/2753	Reflecting on practice in the early years sector	Knowledge/ Skills	3	31

## Assessment

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods. This could include direct observation within the workplace, a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task which we have set.

Learners must also pass one externally set, externally marked Short Answer Examination.

Within each qualification there is a maximum of one further opportunity after the first submission for learners to submit the External Assessment in order to achieve a pass grade or to improve a grade.

## Progression

This qualification provides learners with a direct progression route on to the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator).

This qualification may enable learners to work under the supervision of Level 3 staff in a variety of roles in an early years setting; however, it does not provide a license to practice.

## For more information

Full details of this qualification can be found on our website [www.cache.org.uk](http://www.cache.org.uk) or on our secure Centre website [cachezone](#).

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CACHE was established in 1945 by the Ministry of Health under the name of the National Nursery Examination Board (NNEB). The board set the syllabus for the first national examination which took place in 1947. In 1994 the NNEB merged with the Council for Early Years Awards to form CACHE. In 2001 we incorporated the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare and in 2015 we became part of NCFE. Over the years we have continually invested in high quality qualifications. Written and developed by experts, they have helped millions of learners across the world to raise professional standards, earning us a reputation for excellence and leadership across the sector. Our continued dedication to those who care for children, young people and adults means that our qualifications will continue to meet the needs of a modern workforce.

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