

CACHE Qualification Summary

CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years
Workforce (Early Years Educator) (QCF)

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Title	CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (QCF)			
Type	QCF			
Qualification number	601/2629/2			
Aim	<p>The aim of this qualification is to prepare learners to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years.</p> <p>Upon achievement of this qualification it is intended that learners will be able to enter the workforce as Early Years Educators.</p>			
Purpose Ofqual code and description (where applicable)	<p>D Confirm occupational competence and/or 'licence to practice'</p> <p>D1 Confirm competence in an occupational role to the standard required.</p>			
Guided learning hours	Min	486	Max	486
Credit value	61	Minimum credit at / above Level		61
Minimum age of learner	16			
Age ranges covered by the qualification	This qualification prepares learner to work with children between birth and 5 years with knowledge of children up to 7 years.			

<p>Real work environment (RWE) requirement / recommendation</p>	<p>350 recommended placement hours:</p> <p>CACHE suggests that the following placement allocation is applied. We acknowledge that some learners may need to spend longer in specific age ranges and for this reason there is a degree of flexibility. All assessment criteria must be achieved and each age range must be experienced. Significant placement experience across the age ranges must be undertaken in order to achieve the assessment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="584 584 1350 813"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age range</th> <th>Hours</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0–1 year 11 months</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2–2 years 11 months</td> <td>133</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3–5 years</td> <td>192</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Learners who work within a setting which provides care and education for children across these three age ranges, and are able to gain the necessary hours of experience, need not seek placement outside of their setting.</p> <p>When working in partnership with employers, decisions relating to learners' competence must be made by qualified, occupationally competent Assessors.</p> <p>During placement, learners will need support from a professional within the Real Work Environment.</p>	Age range	Hours	0–1 year 11 months	25	2–2 years 11 months	133	3–5 years	192
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<p>Rules of Combination</p>	<p>In order to achieve the CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (QCF) Learners must gain a total of 61 credits. To do this they must achieve 23 mandatory units from Group A.</p>								
<p>Progression including Job Roles (where applicable)</p>	<p>Job roles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • practitioner in day nurseries • practitioner in Nursery schools • practitioner in reception classes in primary schools • pre-school worker. 								
<p>Recommended assessment methods</p>	<p>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 set by CACHE*.</p> <p>* NB: CACHE assessment tasks are provided for tutors' convenience. They are not mandatory.</p>								

Additional assessment requirements	Some learning outcomes within this qualification will require assessment in a Real Work Environment.
Grading system	Pass / refer
Entry requirements / recommendations	Learners must be aged 16 or above.