



NCFE CACHE Level 2
Award, Certificate and Diploma in

Playwork

(NVQ)

Qualification facts

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About these qualifications

These qualifications are an introduction to the primary aspects of working with children and young people in a play environment and support the government's wider children's workforce development strategy.

They allow a stepped approach to learning with shared units between the Award, Certificate and Diploma and are primarily designed for those working with children and young people between 4-16 years of age in a variety of play environments. They provide learners with an understanding of the importance of play and playwork in children and young people's lives.

Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but learners will need to be at least 16 years of age.

Experience in the workplace

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

Qualification structure

Award	<p>The Award is made up of three mandatory Level 2 units with a total credit value of 10.</p> <p>Learners will need to pass all the units to achieve the Award</p>
Certificate	<p>The Certificate is made up of eight mandatory units – seven at Level 2 and one at Level 3 - with a total credit value of 25.</p> <p>Learners will need to pass all the units to achieve the Certificate.</p>
Diploma	<p>The Diploma is made up of twelve mandatory units – nine at Level 2 and three at Level 3 - with a total credit value of 45. It also includes a range of optional units.</p> <p>Learners will need to achieve all the mandatory units and then complete 16 credits from the choice of optional units to bring the total credits achieved to a minimum of 61.</p>

Award - mandatory units

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	Credit
H/600/9500	Playwork principles	Knowledge	2	3
M/600/9502	Working within a play environment with children and young people	Knowledge/Skills	2	4
F/600/9505	Supporting children and young people's play	Knowledge/Skills	2	3

Certificate - mandatory units

All the mandatory units of the Award shown above plus:

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	Credit
L/600/9507	Relationships in the play environment	Knowledge	2	4
Y/600/9509	Health and safety in the play environment	Knowledge/Skills	2	3
L/600/9510	The safeguarding and welfare of children and young people in the play environment	Knowledge	2	2
H/600/9514	Developing own playwork and team practice	Knowledge/Skills	2	3
R/600/9511	Reflective playwork practice	Knowledge/Skills	3	3

Diploma - mandatory units

All the mandatory units of the Award and Certificate shown above plus:

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	Credit
Y/600/9526	Contribute to the health, safety, security and welfare of children and young people using the play environment	Skills	2	5
H/600/9528	Help to improve own practice and the work of the playwork team	Skills	2	4
T/600/9520	Support relationships in the play environment	Skills	3	4
L/600/9524	Work with children and young people to create play spaces and support freely chosen self-directed play	Skills	3	7

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	Credit
K/600/9529	Contribute to providing food and drink in the play environment	Knowledge/Skills	2	8
Y/600/9543	Contribute to the administration of the play environment	Knowledge/Skills	2	8
M/600/9547	Support the travel of children and young people outside the play environment	Knowledge/Skills	2	13
K/600/9532	Facilitate a specific play opportunity at children or young people's request	Knowledge/Skills	3	14
T/600/9534	Support the development of playwork opportunities in the community	Knowledge/Skills	3	8
F/600/9536	Contribute to supporting disabled children and young people in the play environment	Knowledge/Skills	3	15
J/600/9540	Support work with parents and carers in the play environment	Knowledge/Skills	3	12
L/600/9541	Carry out playwork in a school setting	Knowledge/Skills	3	11

Total Guided Learning Hours for the Award **72**

Total Guided Learning Hours for the Certificate **192**

Total Guided Learning Hours for the Diploma **437-442**

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
- recognition of prior learning
- reflection on own practice in real work situations
- task set by us for knowledge learning outcomes only.

For more information

Full details of these qualifications can be found on our website www.cache.org.uk or on our secure Centre website cachezone.

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.
