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NCFE CACHE Level 3  
Award, Certificate and Diploma in

## Playwork

(NVQ)

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Qualification facts

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# 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.

## Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for these qualifications but learners will need to be at least 18 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

Level 3 Award in Induction to Playwork	To achieve the Award learners will need to complete a total of <b>12 credits</b> from the mandatory units.
Level 3 Certificate in Playwork	To achieve the Certificate learners will need to complete a total of <b>32 credits</b> from the mandatory units.
Level 3 Diploma (NVQ) in Playwork	To achieve the Diploma learners will need to complete a total of <b>65 credits</b> . <b>46 credits</b> must come from the mandatory units and then a further <b>19 credits</b> are required from a choice of optional units.

## Award in Induction to Playwork - mandatory units

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	Credit
J/602/1798	Understand Playwork Principles	Knowledge	3	4
L/602/1799	Understand children and young people's self-directed play	Knowledge/Skills	3	5
Y/601/1695	Understand how to safeguard the well-being of children and young people	Knowledge	3	3

## Certificate in Playwork - mandatory units

All the mandatory units of the Award shown above plus:

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	Credit
T/602/1800	Understand the organisational framework for play	Knowledge	3	4
M/601/1699	Understand how to support positive outcomes for children and young people	Knowledge	3	4
A/602/1801	Understand relationships in the play environment	Knowledge/Skills	3	3
F/602/1802	Understand health, safety and security in the play environment	Knowledge	3	2
J/602/1803	Understand how to plan for and support children and young people's self-directed play	Knowledge	3	5
A/601/1429	Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings	Knowledge/Skills	3	3

## Diploma in Playwork (NVQ) - mandatory units

All the mandatory units of the Certificate (including Award units) shown above plus:

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	Credit
L/602/1804	Contribute to an organisational framework that reflects the needs and protects rights of children and young people	Skills	3	4
R/602/1805	Develop and maintain a healthy, safe and secure play environment for children and young people	Skills	3	3
Y/602/1806	Develop and promote positive relationships in a play environment	Skills	3	3
D/602/1807	Plan for and support children and young people's self-directed play	Skills	3	4

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	Credit
J/602/1834	Work with colleagues in a playwork team	Knowledge/Skills	3	10
L/602/1835	Engage with parents, carers and families in a play environment	Knowledge/Skills	3	10
R/602/1836	Administer playwork provision	Knowledge/Skills	3	8
Y/602/1837	Inclusive play, working with disabled children and young people	Knowledge/Skills	4	11
D/602/1838	Promote own organisation in the community	Knowledge/Skills	3	13
H/602/1839	Contribute to evaluating, developing and promoting services	Knowledge/Skills	4	11
Y/602/1840	Organise and supervise travel	Knowledge/Skills	3	7
D/602/1841	Manage a budget	Knowledge/Skills	3	11
H/602/1842	Recruit, select and keep colleagues	Knowledge/Skills	5	12
K/602/1843	Provide learning opportunities for colleagues	Knowledge/Skills	4	11
H/602/1844	Allocate and monitor the progress and quality of work in own area of responsibility	Knowledge/Skills	4	14

Total Guided Learning Hours for the Award **95**

Total Guided Learning Hours for the Certificate **240**

Total Guided Learning Hours for the Diploma **486-537**

## 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.

## For more information

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