

Early Education

The British Association for Early Childhood Education

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Dear Ria,

Letter of recognition for the Pearson BTEC Level 2 BTEC First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development

Early Education is a membership body for early years practitioners with approximately 3,500 members. As a professional body in the early years sector, we recognise the following qualification as being fit for purpose and appropriate for prospective employees in the sector to undertake:

*Pearson BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development
(QN: 100/6244/0)*

More specifically, for the role of early years assistant/nursery assistant, we expect employees to be occupational competent and we can confirm that this qualification provides a suitable stepping stone to enable aspiring to practitioners to move towards a suitable level 3 qualification.

Given the new GCSE requirements being introduced for the new Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications, it is vital that there are opportunities for learners to progress from Level 2 to Level 3. This Level 2 qualification provides that opportunity, as learners can undertake the qualification and retake their GCSEs in English and maths alongside, prior to progressing to Level 3.

It is vital that learners aged 19+ (who are funded through the Skills Funding Agency) are given this opportunity.

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with the Skills Funding Agency, to ensure that this invaluable qualification can continue to be funded.

Yours sincerely



Beatrice Merrick
Chief Executive