

Early Education

The British Association for Early Childhood Education

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Dear Ria,

Early Education promotes children's right to high quality education, providing support, advice and training on best practice for everyone concerned with children's early education and care. Our membership includes c.5,000 contacts across the UK, supported by networks of local branches. We provide a national voice on early childhood education, advising central & local government & the media, publish material on aspects of early childhood education & child development, offer consultancy and training via our network of Associates and manage major projects on key national issues. We provided feedback on a draft of the qualifications below.

As an association with particular expertise on pedagogy in the Early Years, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose and suitable for accreditation:

- 601/2460/X - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development
- 601/2459/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development
- 601/2526/3 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development
- 601/2525/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)
- 601/2527/5 - Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)

We recognise these qualifications as developing and confirming specialist knowledge and skills in the sector, to a standard that can be reasonably expected of an 18 year old in full time education. The qualifications will give students an advantage when applying for related jobs, or training, with the National Certificate and Diploma sizes suitable to confer 'Early Years Educator' status on learners.

I am happy for my organisation's name and website to be made available on the DfE and Pearson websites to confirm our support for the qualifications.

Yours sincerely,

Beatrice Merrick
Chief Executive